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FOR 2020**

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**MDGA by the Numbers**

Registered Minis as of end of September 2020

Mini Alpine.....1,288	Grade Mini Alpine.....76
Mini Guernsey.....24	
Mini LaMancha.....5,233	Grade Mini LaMancha.....339
Mini Nubian.....12,398	Grade Mini Nubian..... 617
Mini Oberhasli.....478	Grade Mini Oberhasli.....24
Mini Saanen/Sable.....209	Grade Mini Saanen/Sable.....41
Mini Toggenburg.....145	Grade Mini Toggenburg.....06
Nigerian Dwarf.....778	

**MDGA Membership**

**As of end of September 2020**

**Members - 1096**

**Lifetime Members - 140**

**Be sure and check out MDGA's FaceBook pages.**

[https://www.facebook.com/1mdga/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/1mdga/?ref=page_internal)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/124086251322601/>

**This second link is for chats, a place to ask questions & get information**

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**MDGA HELP DESK**

Manned by Jacqui Wilcox,  
our recently retired MDGA registrar, at the helm since 2011.  
If you have any questions about registering; what you need to get your  
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MDGA, or any question involving mini dairy goats give Jacqui a call.

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## Breed % Calculations

How's It figured?

BY TIFFSTER · 01/15/2019

### Figuring Mini Goat Percentages:

Figuring percentages can feel confusing when you first start. So here is info we hope helps.

Let's say you're breeding a 75/25 mini buck to a 62.50/37.50 mini doe.

Take the "standard" part of the percentage from both parents (75 and 62.50), add them together ( $75 + 62.50 = 137.50$ ), and divide the result by 2. That gives you 68.75, which is the percentage of standard genetics for the offspring. This is the first number shown in a percentage.

Next, to calculate the percentage of "Nigerian" genetics for the offspring, subtract 100 from 68.75 (the standard percentage you calculated earlier), which equals -31.25. This is the percentage of Nigerian genetics for the offspring, which is the second number shown in a percentage.

Consequently, the standard/Nigerian genetic percentages for kids of those parents will be 68.75/31.25.

Here is a pattern to follow for calculating percentages:

Sire: 75/25, Dam: 62.50/37.50

sire standard % + dam Standard % = "standard percent step 1"

$$75 + 62.50 = 137.50$$

"standard percent step 1" / 2 = "goat standard percent"

$$137.50 \div 2 = 68.75$$

100 (for 100%) - "goat standard percent" = "goat Nigerian Dwarf percent"

$$100 - 68.75 = -31.25$$

Final result = "goat standard percent" / "goat Nigerian Dwarf percent"

$$\text{Final result} = 68.75/31.25$$

## How to Get the Most out of Pictures of your Goat

By Regina Tervo, MDGA Judge  
GoGo's Herd Farm, Miniature LaMancha Dairy Goats

There is one thing that can lift my spirits and get me excited and that is the MDGA V-Show. I was bitten by the bug 9 years ago with my first entry of two Jr. doelings.

I had been to some goat shows before to watch but never had shown in one. I really wanted to show my pretty little doelings but there were not any shows for hundreds of miles and 8 hours away. That is when I had discovered the MDGA V-Show. Well, those little darlings had me and my husband throwing popcorn everywhere in front of the computer in the office when we looked to see the results of the show that day, we were bitten. They both took first place in their classes in both rings and GoGo's Lil Geri took 2 Grand Champions and a Best in Show. Yes, that was all it took!

That wasn't all we learned. We learned that standing a goat and taking the right pictures is important. That day we had those little darlings on a table, eye level and they did look great. Many shows after that we may have done it all wrong but we still learned.

Now I have some tips for taking those pictures of your goats that some may not know. First the MDGA has on their sight pictures of how the poses are supposed to look. Study them. Read that section thoroughly.

I do not try to do everything for the pictures the same day. I check the weather, plan accordingly for the season, summer, or fall. If it's for the summer and I am going to clip, I will clip up to 2 weeks ahead. I spend a little leash time and hands on with the ones that will be in the show.

I will set up an area that I know will make a good back drop, with level ground and I try to plan for an overcast sky for shooting my pictures. A bright sunny day is a bad time to shoot pictures, it casts lots of shadows and it becomes hot and sometimes buggy.

### The key things to remember are:

- 1.) A level area-** You can use a board with sand or a mat on it. If you are on a hill you can level out an area first by using a shovel, rake and a level, and then you can place the mat or board on it so your goat can stand level. Standing level is important so that when the Judge evaluates your goat it is standing even, with its back, shoulders and legs on level ground with no stress or pressure pushing them unbalanced. This allows a better evaluation of the goat's structure.
- 2.) A square stance-** You want to have the front legs and feet lined up in a straight line down from the withers. The rear legs line up is the pin bone, hock, and foot. Meaning that you should be able to draw a line from the ground to the pin bone and have all three line up on this line.
- 3.) In a front shot** of the goat (tip) don't get too close for this shot, step back so you can blow it up and crop it but if you get too close it will distort the picture making your goat look like it has a gigantic head and tiny body. It is a simple correction, and you will like the results so much better.
- 4.) When getting the front shot** again make sure those legs are under the withers and feet are facing forward. (Tip) I like to walk my goat into place, I will even draw a line, or a square box (a little longer down the sides.) Walk your goat into the square placing the feet on the front line making sure they are under the withers and then set the back feet doing the same. This will start helping to guide you.
- 5.) When you are holding your camera** for the shots sit on a chair or a short stool. Place it right in front of your square that you drew. This will make it easier for you to get those eye level shots from the sides, the front, and the rear. Let's face it, it is hard bending, kneeling, sitting, or squatting on the ground.

**6.) A backdrop** makes all the difference in the world in your photos. You can use a sheet. I find light blues work the best for every color of goat. If you are going to go with a background surface go vertical not horizontal. Horizontal will point out any slight dip even in the loveliest of topline. You can be a little creative, but not too busy, with nature as a backdrop. A stack of piled hay bales looks nice if you have no horizontal line at your goat's topline level.

**7.) When you do take your shots**, you will need to take more than you think, then pick your best shots. I have had to take many to get just one. It gets easier over time.

**8.) On your udder shots** from the rear it is important to be at udder level, if you are too high or low it will give the appearance of an udder that is lower than it really is. You do not want that; we strive to breed high udders. For the fore udder shot you want to see 1/3 in front, 1/3 behind the leg to show the balance of the udder.

**9.) On the rear shots** remember do not cut off the tail or the feet or even the head in this shot, give the Judge the whole picture so it can be evaluated.

**10.) From the top again** get up over and make sure that goat is standing square and you get the whole goat in the shot. Keep the goat straight as well. The judges are looking at the straightness of spine as well.

**11.) Well trimmed feet** really help in the pictures!

**12.) In your fall shows it's not necessary to clip.** I don't and I think it is safer for the goats. You can give a trim around the tail and feet and udders if you like, it does make them look nicer.

**13.) Your collars** should be up around the goats throat latch and head so not to break the line of a long lean neck in the pictures and a color that matches your goat or a small collar or show chain is best so as not to draw attention to it and away from your goat.

I hope this will help you in the up coming shows or in taking pictures for advertising for sales. There is one more thing that is probably the most important thing about taking pictures with your goats I haven't told you yet, don't rush, relax and chew your cud because as soon as you do so will your goat. When they are relaxed, they will stand there and chew their cud while you take their pictures. So, it is your time to figure out what makes your goat tick and what makes it relax. Happy picture taking and have some fun and I will see you at the MDGA V-shows.

Picture 1 taken before rules stating no hidden feet,  
Picture 2 after rule update, giving a much cleaner look for the judges.



This certifies that  
**GoGo's Sophia n Mink**  
Won  
**Best Jr. Doe in Show**  
In  
**MDGA's Fall '14 Virtual Show**



Judge  
*Tamara Taylor*  
*Tim Flickinger*



This certifies that  
**GoGo's Sofia n Mink**  
Won  
**Best Udder of Breed**  
Mini LaMancha Sr. Doe  
In  
**MDGA's Spring '20 Virtual Show**



Judge(s)  
*Katie Jackson*

## Resource Links

The links listed here can be useful to any dairy goat owner – List is organized in alphabetical order, not in order of preference.

### SUPPLIERS:

#### Caprine Supply

<http://www.caprinesupply.com/>

#### Hamby Dairy Supply

[www.hambydairysupply.com](http://www.hambydairysupply.com)

#### Heritage Animal Health

<http://www.heritageanimalhealth.com>

#### Jeffers

<http://www.jefferslivestock.com/>

#### Jolly German Livestock Supplies

[www.goatworld.com/store/](http://www.goatworld.com/store/)

#### Mid-States Wool Growers Co-op (Sheep & goat supplies)

<http://www.midstateswoolgrowers.com/>

#### Nasco Farm and Ranch

[www.enasco.com/farmandranch](http://www.enasco.com/farmandranch)

#### PBS Animal Health

<http://www.pbsanimalhealth.com/>

#### Pipestone Veterinary Supply

<http://www.pipevet.com/>

#### Premier

<http://www.premier1supplies.com/>

#### Valley Vet Supply

<http://www.valleyvet.com/>

#### The Goat Shop

<https://the-goat-shop.com>

#### APL Farms/Hoegger Supply

<https://www.aplfarms.com/>

<http://hoeggerfarmyard.com/the-farmyard/>

### Goat health links:

#### A Life of Heritage

[www.alifeofheritage.com](http://www.alifeofheritage.com)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGabNsZ4TN0tQnmU5NUgpvg>

#### Fiasco Farm

[www.fiascofarm.com](http://www.fiascofarm.com)

#### Hoegger Farm Yard - health info

<http://hoeggerfarmyard.com/the-farmyard>

## Thank you to all our lifetime supporters

Adetoro, Zaheed - Allen, Lavinia(20 judge) - Barnhill, Teresa,  
Bates, Gary - Beecher, Ryan - Bell, Steve,  
Bellamy, Sarah - Berger, Tonya - Bischoff, Jessica,  
Boatright, Chantelle - Braund, Chelsie,  
Brinkley, Michele - Brown, Ronald - Buoni, Valerie,  
Burns, Dusty-Lyn - Caldwell, Holly,  
Campanali, AshleyAnn - Carpentier, Kelly - Chell, Tracy,  
Clark, Shelley - Colunio, Geraldine - Cox, Darren,  
Crawmer, Kimberly - Crockett, Jason - Dahm, Ruth,  
Degenhardt, Sonya - DeGuire, Karen - Deitch, Courtney,  
Denyes, Laura - Derer, Annette - Doyle, Allison,  
Duong, Thanh - Elkins, Jessica - Elmquist, Eliya,  
Epler, Natalie - Eutsler, Crystal (20' judge),  
Evans, Hannah - Fernicola, Vincenzo - Fitch, Kara,  
Floyd, Kristina - Ford, Scotty - Foster, Loretta,  
Franklin, Nora (Christy) - Gayler, Mariah - Gettler, Joe,  
Gibson, Elizabeth - Goodart, Marie - Groth, Kathryn,  
Gunn, Jr, Keith - Hackman, Dannette - Hale, Lindsey,  
Hall, Maureen - Harwell, Julie - Hayden, Deborah,  
Hitzel, Megan - Hodges, Patricia - Hoenmans, Jill,  
Hunt, Joslyn - Hunter, Tiffany - Hurlburt, Kathleen,  
Jantz, Jami - Jernigan, Missy - Joyce, Sharon E,  
Keyser, Geneme - Kirkbride, Kevin - Kline, Heather,  
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Rogers, Kara - Rosell, Jimena - Royston Holly,  
Roy, Brittany - Sanders, Ashley - Schmidt, Elizabeth,  
Sennott, Linda - Shaw, Quintin - Sherman, Karie,  
Shinkle Rose - Shore, Gina - Smathers, Teia,  
Smith, Beverly - Snipe, Jeanell - Steiner, Stacy,  
Stephens, Addie - Studdard, Gena, Tarver, Paula,  
Terrill, Paula - Tervo Regina(20' Judge) Thomas,Terry,  
Tritt, Leslie - Valentine,Wendy - Vestnes, Helge,  
Voissem, Jeuniquie - Weber, Natalie - Weber, Shelley,  
Webster, Jared - Welk, Karen,  
White, Amy - Wilcox, Jacqui - Wilcox, Tiffany,  
Wilcox, Kailey - Willard, Tammy - Wolff, Clarence F. Jr.,  
Wood, Timothy - Woodard, Elizabeth - Workman, Laura,  
Youmans, Katie - Zandbergen, Jennifer

If I have missed listing any life members here, please contact me & I will be sure & list you in the next newsletter

## Mini Goat Clubs

**Listed free**

### Texas

**Hill Country Mini Milkers**

Boerne, TX

Email: [hillcountryminimilkers@gmail.com](mailto:hillcountryminimilkers@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.HillCountryMiniMilkers.org>

### Washington

**Pacific Northwest Dairy Goat Club**

Longview, WA

Email: [pnwminidairygoatclub@gmail.com](mailto:pnwminidairygoatclub@gmail.com)

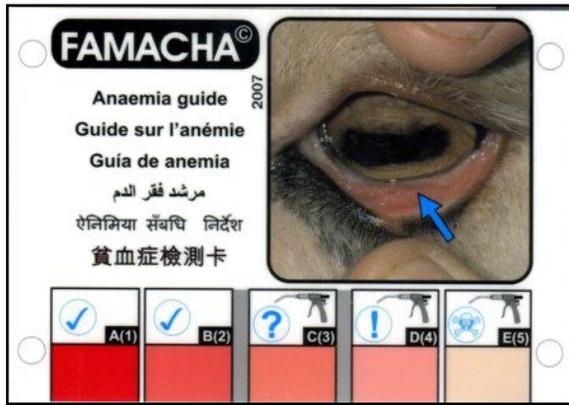
Website: <https://pnwmdgc.com>

### Colorado

**Mile High Mini Miller's**

Email: [milehighminimilkers@gmail.com](mailto:milehighminimilkers@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.mhmmclub.com>



### Goat Health Info.

**Temperature = 102.5 - 104** - This varies depending on the temperature of the goat's surroundings.

**Pulse rate = 70 - 80 beats per minute**

**Respiration = 15 to 30 per minute**

**Rumen (movements = 1 - 1.5 per minute)**

**Puberty = 7 weeks - 8 months**  
(separate bucks from does at 2 months)

**Estrus/Heat Cycle = 17 to 23 days**

**Gestation = 143 to 155 days**

### Average Life span:

**Does = 11-12 years** average age, but... usually the death in does is kidding related. Does that are "retired" from breeding around age 10 live longer: 16-18 years

**Wethers = 11-16 years** average age

**Bucks = 8-10 average age** - Bucks usually live shorter lives than does and wethers due to the stresses of going into rut each year.

**Full growth size:** Most goats do not reach their full size until they are about three years of age. (They keep growing for about three years)

Info courtesy of Fiasco Farms/Molly's Herbals. -

<https://fiascofarm.com/goats/index.htm>

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## UP COMING SHOW!!!

**Howl at the Moon Sanctioned Show**

**November 1 - 2020**

**Danville, IN**

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[phase5goatshow.com](http://phase5goatshow.com)

### Tattoo Letters List by year

2010: A	2017: J	2024: S
2011: B	2018: K	2025: T
2012: C	2019: L	2026: V
2013: D	2020: M	2027: W
2014: E	2021: N	2028: X
2015: F	2022: P	2029: Y
2016: H	2023: R	2030: Z

The letters "G," "I," "O," "Q," and "U" are not used to designate a year, as they can be mistaken for another letter if the tattoo is not clear.

### Newsletter Deadline Dates:

**January 15th - January/February issue**

**March 15th - March/April issue**

**May 15th - May/June issue**

**July 15th - July/August issue**

**September 15th - September/October issue**

**November 15th - November/December issue**

**Have a story, club, show, resource link, recipe  
or anything else Mini goat related you think members  
would enjoy or benefit from?**

**Send them to: Jacqui at [newsletter@miniaturedairygoats.net](mailto:newsletter@miniaturedairygoats.net)**

**Please submit your ideas by the 15th of the month.**

**Feel free to contact us if you have questions.**