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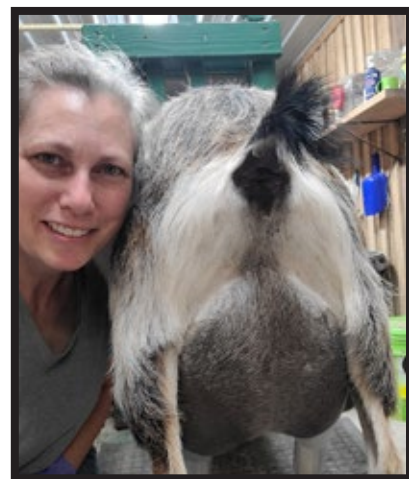
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Miniature Dairy Goat Association Mini-Goat Notes



Letter from the President

When most people think of the seasons, they think of spring, summer, fall, and winter. For those of us that raise goats, we have kidding, showing, and breeding, and each season is just as exciting as the next! This time of year is usually the “slower” time as we make plans, improvements, and changes to our breeding programs. MDGA is also continuing to make changes and improvements to provide better customer service and improve internal efficiency. Do we always meet those goals? No, but if we got it right the first time, every time, we wouldn't have any room for improvement, so thank you for your continued patience. If you are new to MDGA, I encourage you to thank a fellow member/mentor for introducing you to mini goats. It is a wonderful world that we are all a part of, and the community continues to grow and expand in every direction. In the following pages, you will find a variety of information, from recipes to product reviews, as well as the 2021 Top 10 Milk Test results. These are all results of YOUR contribution to the miniature dairy goat world and on behalf of MDGA....Thank you for your continued support of THE Miniature Dairy Goat Association!



~Dee Daniels~

MDGA-President-2022

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Tattoo Letter for 2022

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Milk Program

As our season winds down, we wanted to reach out to all of our members and highlight one of our fastest-growing programs that benefits our DAIRY goats: our Milk Testing Program! It has grown in leaps and bounds since just a few years ago, when there was only a small handful of goats testing. Now, as we end 2022, we have had well over 400 goats on test this year! It is exciting to see the growth and participation in the milk program, proving our minis can milk! If you are considering signing your goats up to test in 2023, now is the time to start getting your tester and scale certifications done, as well as finding the lab you want to use and getting an account set up! With these tasks out of the way, you'll be prepared for testing once your does kid in the spring! Starting milk testing can be a little overwhelming, but our milk committee is here to help you through any confusion. If you have any questions, reach out to us through email at milktest@minidairygoats.org.

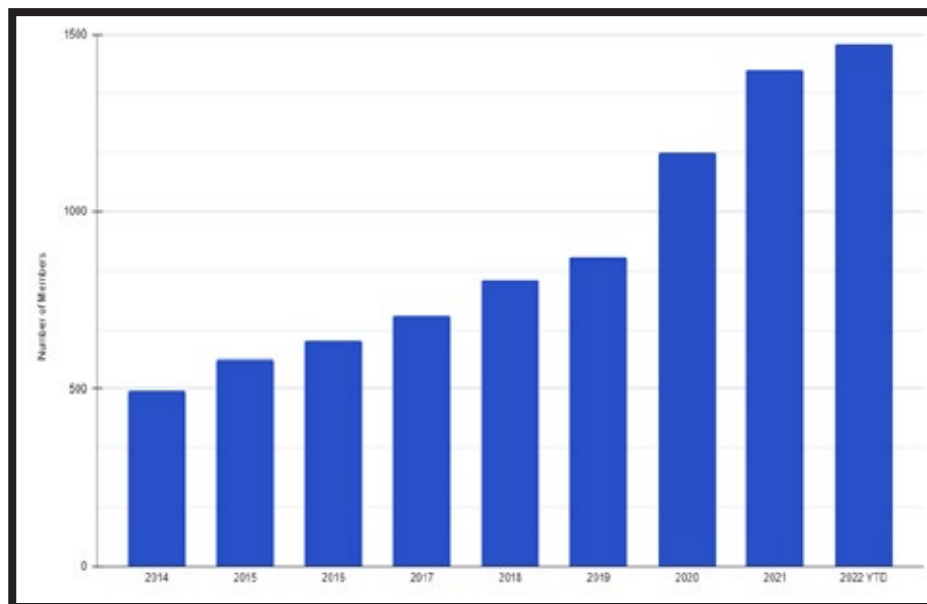
We look forward to serving you with your milk testing needs in 2023!

Dee Daniels and Cassandra Baldovinos

MDGA Milk Committee

MDGA Members

MDGA member growth over the years!



PLEASE USE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION APPLICATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Please note that MDGA no longer accepts registrations via email (scanning the application and sending photos).

Advantages to online registration:

Allows you to upload photos and supporting documents

Nothing gets lost in snail mail

Email notification of application submission

Be sure to check out the handy infographics on what forms you need when registering and how to take the best photos for registration here:

<https://miniaturedairygoats.net/registration-rules/>

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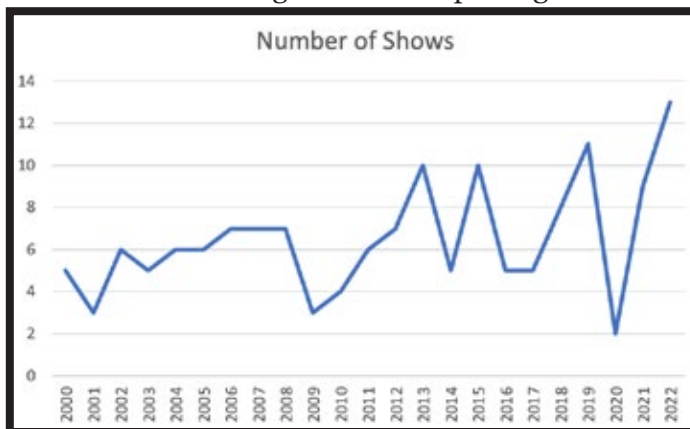
Live Show Update 2022

MDGA Live Shows set a record in 2022! We had 13 shows across the country this past year. There were 62 sanctioned divisions with 6 of those being Bucks. Overall, we had 279 Seniors and 335 Juniors judged. The Exhibitor number totalled 251. These are the numbers for all rings from each of the shows. We have definitely seen an increase in both Live Show and Virtual Show participation, and with good reason. A dairy goat show is not just a beauty pageant. In reality, the purpose of a show is to select animals that come closest to the ideal of sound, productive type. Awards and publicity from shows encourage breeders to adhere to the ideal for continued improvement of the dairy goat. Shows put quality dairy goats in the public eye to improve their public image. Shows give dairy goat breeders recognition for long months of work in the barn, plus an opportunity to talk shop with fellow breeders.



We are moving forward with our momentum in 2022 and hoping that 2023 will be our best year yet with MDGA Live Shows. Your Live Show Committee has been working hard to improve processes behind the scenes to make setting up a show and processing show awards much easier. For next year, we are planning on moving our Sanction Application to an Online Form which will auto-populate details onto the MDGA Live Show Event website and calendar. All Live Shows will also have an event created on the MDGA Facebook page for more publicity. Local show committees will also be able to enter their Report of Awards into an online form for upload to the MDGA website (pending verification). Award Certificates and Leg Notifications will be sent to exhibitors once verified against official paperwork.

There are several new shows that we already know about for 2023! May 27th in Brenham, Texas and June 3rd in Canaan, New York. If you are interested in learning more about putting on a show in your area, please reach out to me...



I am happy to help! If there is a show in your area - what are you waiting for? Get into the show ring and have some fun!

Kerry O'Neal
MDGA Live
Show Chair

Be sure to check out the MDGA website for the most up-to-date show listings!

2021 1 DAY MILK TESTING RESULTS

226 does enrolled, 208 completed their test, 96 Qualified

TOP 10 IN TOTAL POINTS

Breed	Goat Name	Owner	DIM	Total Weight	Fat %	Total Pts
Mini Nubian	Goat Trails Spring Magnolia	Tisha Winnett	115	8.0	13.4	170
Mini Nubian	Grape Creeks Dolcetta	Noriko Proett	52	9.6	9.1	152
Mini Nubian	Carpenter Ranch Terra Nova	Chris & Megan Archer	40	12.2	4.7	133
Mini Nubian	Grace Abounds MM Liberty at Calvary	Jacqui Wilcox	19	10.8	5.8	131
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's BH Forte	Noriko Proett	38	11.4	5.1	129
Mini Nubian	GTO Ranch Gwendolyn	Chris & Megan Archer	62	11.2	4.5	122
Mini Nubian	Green Gables Pumpkin	Nicole Sosebee	40	7.4	9.3	120
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's BSN Opera Diva	Noriko Proett	80	9.9	5.4	119
Mini Nubian	Green Gables FF Cali Eclipse	Eliya Elmquist	51	10.8	4.4	116
Mini Nubian	Rosies Critters Nora	Rose Shinkle	98	7.7	7.6	113

TOP 10 IN MILK WEIGHT

Breed	Goat Name	Owner	DIM	Total Weight	Fat %	Total Pts
Mini Lamancha	Buck Creek Mac Krazy Kora *P	Shirley Daniels	22	12.5	2.7	108
Mini Nubian	Carpenter Ranch Terra Nova	Chris & Megan Archer	40	12.2	4.7	133
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's BH Forte	Noriko Proett	38	11.4	5.1	129
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Mini Nubian	Grace Abounds MM Liberty at Calvary	Jacqui Wilcox	19	10.8	5.8	131
Mini Nubian	Green Gables FF Cali Eclipse	Eliya Elmquist	51	10.8	4.4	116
Mini Nubian	Green Gables FF Hope of Liberty	Eliya Elmquist	41	10.4	3.9	105
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's BSN Opera Diva	Noriko Proett	80	9.9	5.4	119
Mini Nubian	Hurlburt Farms RC Mary'sDaiOf Grace	Kathleen Hurlburt	42	9.8	4.6	107
Mini Nubian	Green Gables GS Magma	Eliya Elmquist	47	9.8	3.7	97

TOP 10 IN BUTTERFAT %

Breed	Goat Name	Owner	DIM	Total Weight	Fat %	Total Pts
Mini Nubian	Goat Trails Spring Magnolia	Tisha Winnett	115	8.0	13.4	170
Mini Nubian	Green Gables Pumpkin	Nicole Sosebee	40	7.4	9.3	120
Mini Nubian	Grape Creeks Dolcetta	Noriko Proett	52	9.6	9.1	152
Mini Nubian	Rosies Critters Nora	Rose Shinkle	98	7.7	7.6	113
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's Rabbit	Rosie Shinkle/Rosies Critters	99	7.8	6.8	107
Mini Nubian	EdensLilly Moons Daffodil	Nicole Sosebee	31	5.8	6.6	76
Mini Nubian	Proverbs 31 Cupid	Angela Pieper	53	8.7	6.3	112
Mini Nubian	Ava's Acrobat Bella	Angela Pieper	24	8.5	6.3	108
Mini Nubian	Goat Trails BH Paisley Blue	Tisha Winnett	62	8.1	6.3	105
Mini Nubian	Texas Tykes Boots R Made for Walkin	Kellie Nichols-Pinard	157	6.0	6.2	83

2021 305 DAY MILK TESTING RESULTS

22 Herds, 145 Does enrolled, 60 Completed lactation, 22 Qualified

TOP 10 IN MILK WEIGHT - MINI NUBIAN

Breed	Registered Name	Owner	DIM	Milk lbs	BF lbs	BF%
Mini Nubian	Walk The Walk's Cricket *P	Nicki Crews	294	2202	86	3.9
Mini Nubian	Green Gables FF Cali Eclipse 5*P	Eliya Elmquist	282	1759	66	3.8
Mini Nubian	Daystar's Calla Lilly 3*P	Sal & Cassandra Baldovinos	305	1689	79	4.7
Mini Nubian	5M Maple *P	Bryan & Melissa Meadows	263	1643	84	5.1
Mini Nubian	Green Gables E Royal Buggy 2*P	Eliya Elmquist	305	1431	56	3.9
Mini Nubian	Green Gables DT Southern Belle 4*P	Eliya Elmquist	283	1419	53	3.7
Mini Nubian	Udderly Precious Mimz the Word *P	Marcia Somerville	298	1382	62	4.5
Mini Nubian	Ginger Top Farm Giselle *P	Marcia Somerville	267	1380	65	4.7
Mini Nubian	Sanndy C Ranch Clementine Churchill *P	Courtney Ducharme	126	1279	78	6.1
Mini Nubian	Green Gables RB Darling Damselfly 2*P	Courtney Ducharme	177	1276	78	6.1

TOP 10 IN BUTTER FAT WEIGHT - MINI NUBIAN

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Mini Nubian	Daystar's Calla Lilly 3*P	Sal & Cassandra Baldovinos	305	1689	79	4.7
Mini Nubian	Mosaic's Chantilly Lace 3*P	Courtney Ducharme	180	1197	79	6.6
Mini Nubian	Sanndy C Ranch Clementine Churchill *P	Courtney Ducharme	126	1279	78	6.1
Mini Nubian	Green Gables RB Darling Damselfly 2*P	Courtney Ducharme	177	1276	78	6.1
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's BV Pure Black Obsidian 2*P	Courtney Ducharme	227	1140	67	5.9
Mini Nubian	Green Gables FF Cali Eclipse 5*P	Eliya Elmquist	282	1759	66	3.8
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Mini Nubian	Green Gables RB Darling Damselfly 2*P	Courtney Ducharme	177	1276	78	6.1
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's BV Pure Black Obsidian 2*P	Courtney Ducharme	227	1140	67	5.9
Mini Nubian	Lil' Rascal's Hot Cocoa *P	Carrie Plowman	305	1093	61	5.6
Mini Nubian	Blackberry's BS Blue Eyed Bessy 2*P	Courtney Ducharme	222	1047	57	5.4
Mini Nubian	SNT Farms Go Go Dancer *P	Kadence Ortiz	258	1150	61	5.3
Mini Nubian	5M Maple *P	Bryan & Melissa Meadows	263	1643	84	5.1
Mini Nubian	Daystar's Calla Lilly 3*P	Sal & Cassandra Baldovinos	305	1689	79	4.7
Mini Nubian	Ginger Top Farm Giselle *P	Marcia Somerville	267	1380	65	4.7

2021 305 DAY MILK TESTING RESULTS

9 Herds, 57 Enrolled, 30 Completed, 17 Qualified

TOP 10 IN MILK WEIGHT - MINI LAMANCHA

Breed	Registered Name	Owner	DIM	Milk lbs	BF lbs	BF%
Mini LaMancha	JBF Honeysuckle *P	Taralee Home	243	2146	145	6.8
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creek Mac Krazy Kora *P	Shirley Daniels	244	2135	89	4.2
Mini LaMancha	Maczoo Black Diamond *P	Taralee Home	277	2094	142	6.8
Mini LaMancha	Anamchara's Pumpkin Pie *P	Taralee Home	276	1928	129	6.7
Mini LaMancha	Carpenter Creek GG Camembert *P	Natalie Epler	280	1854	71	3.8
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creeks VK Krazy Kuote 2*P	Taralee Home	245	1660	93	5.6
Mini LaMancha	Anamchara's Lil Bits and Pieces 2*P	Taralee Home	247	1567	108	6.9
Mini LaMancha	Puddlehaven Lotus 2*P	Wendy Berg	305	1564	59	3.8
Mini LaMancha	Diamond L Goats BR Pirates Cove *P	Natalie Epler	262	1547	71	4.6
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creeks MT Forever Vivian *P	Shirley Daniels	275	1526	59	3.9

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Mini LaMancha	Buck Creeks VK Krazy Kuote 2*P	Taralee Home	245	1660	93	5.6
Mini LaMancha	Anamchara's Diva Darling *P	Taralee Home	276	1497	92	6.1
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creek Mac Krazy Kora *P	Shirley Daniels	244	2135	89	4.2
Mini LaMancha	Carpenter Creek GG Camembert *P	Natalie Epler	280	1854	71	3.8
Mini LaMancha	Diamond L Goats BR Pirates Cove *P	Natalie Epler	262	1547	71	4.6
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creeks GK Mark My Words 2*P	Shirley Daniels	305	1249	68	5.4

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Mini LaMancha	JBF Honeysuckle *P	Taralee Home	243	2146	145	6.8
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Mini LaMancha	Anamchara's Diva Darling *P	Taralee Home	276	1497	92	6.1
Mini LaMancha	Carpenter Creek GG Stella Jae *P	Natalie Epler	279	1038	59	5.7
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creeks VK Krazy Kuote 2*P	Taralee Home	245	1660	93	5.6
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creeks GK Mark My Words 2*P	Shirley Daniels	305	1249	68	5.4
Mini LaMancha	Buck Creeks XG Gidget 2*P	Shirley Daniels	236	1195	63	5.3
Mini LaMancha	Diamond L Goats BR Pirates Cove *P	Natalie Epler	262	1547	71	4.6

2021 305 DAY MILK TESTING RESULTS

7 Herds, 15 Enrolled, 9 Completed lactation, 5 Qualified

TOP 5 IN MILK WEIGHT - ALL OTHER MINI

Breed	Registered Name	Owner	DIM	Milk lbs	BF lbs	BF%
Mini Alpine	Moore's Pond Pipit's Mocha *P	Hannah Reithinger	300	2382	121	5.1
Mini Alpine	Dixie Dairy MC Kadence *P	Kayla Simpson	247	1460	73	5.0
Mini Oberhasli	White Rock Farm Root Beer *P	Kylie Edwards	275	1423	62	4.4
Mini Alpine	Dixie Dairy DK Ewok *P	Kayla Simpson	305	1395	62	4.4
Mini Alpine	Dixie Dairy DK Catastrophe *P	Kayla Simpson	274	1204	51	4.2

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Healthy Minis: Comparing Hoof Grinders

By Laura Workman

HoofBoss V.S. Milwaukee M12 1/4" Right Angle Die Grinder

The “which grinder” question comes up over and over again, so I did a little write-up comparing the Hoof Boss with the Milwaukee M12 1/4" Right Angle Die Grinder.

https://www.northerntool.com/shop/tools/product_200769285_200769285

Here's a link to my preferred hoof tool, the Milwaukee M12 1/4" right angle die grinder. This is the best information I've been able to come up with comparing the Hoof Boss to the Milwaukee grinder. Please note that the Milwaukee only came available in October of 2019, when I received the one I had pre-ordered after hours and hours of research on both tools and bits. Having spent some time as a professional nail artist, I already had a pretty good idea of what I was looking for in a grinder.

Milwaukee tool with two batteries and a charger - \$279 at Northern Tool. It does not come with a bit. Battery Powered Hoof Boss (still has a cord) - \$279 on Amazon, and includes a variety of bits (none are the one I use), but it also requires a DeWalt 20V battery and charger (2 batteries and charger are \$159 on Amazon). *Editors's note – pricing as of February 2022.*

Milwaukee delivers up to 0.3 hp (224 watts - 20% more powerful than pneumatic). The Hoof Boss is the Merlin2 from King Arthur Tools, rebadged, and with some modifications like an on-off paddle switch instead of a toggle, per the Hoof Boss manufacturer in an Amazon “answered question.” The Merlin2 is 100 watts. I could not find power output on the Hoof Boss site, but I can't see why it would be different.)

Milwaukee has an internal battery - no cords at all.

Milwaukee has a responsive, **variable speed** paddle switch (the HB paddle switch is just on-off, and it will not maintain a slow speed, as far as I know.) This is a really nice feature so you can go very slowly in delicate spots or when trimming a fractious animal.

Milwaukee is 76 to 87 decibels, vs “under 100” decibels on the HB. It just makes a nice, quiet whirl. My Lister Star shears are WAY louder than the Milwaukee, which does not interfere with normal conversation.



Milwaukee has an LED work area light that comes on with switch activation.

Milwaukee does not have the motor cooling fan exhaust right where I want to put my hand. It's never gotten hot while I've been using it.

Milwaukee is more compact, fitting in more awkward spaces and keeping my hand closer to the work.

Milwaukee cuts out instantly when bound or jammed.

Milwaukee does not have an annoying guard. (I ALWAYS wear a heavy leather glove on my left hand, as well as eye protection, when using the Milwaukee.)

Milwaukee has 4-range speed selector (1 to 10,000 rpm through 1 to 24,500 rpm), handy when you want to use it for other die-grinder jobs.

Here is the bit I've been using for two years. A 2 inch disc wheel, flat face with holes. Fine grit. It's still as effective as it was on day one. It will reach EVERYWHERE because the “grit” actually wraps up around the edge a bit, and the holes even allow a bit of visibility while the bit is spinning. The holes also help to reduce heat build-

up. It doesn't look like it comes with a shank on the Saburtooth website, but mine did, and now I have two. It is attached using a mandrel.



Notes From the Mini-Goat Folks: Favorite Products

What are your favorite products related to goat-keeping? What makes your record-keeping, milking, kidding, and day-to-day life more efficient or pleasant?

Upward spraying teat sprayer for pre- and post-milking. Makes the teat dip/spray go much further.

Amanda Kesich

For milking: Fight Bac spray is something I won't be without. So convenient and it sticks to the udder! Everyday use: I am never without equine bedding pellets and Sweet PDZ - bedding pellets can be used to quickly sop up any liquid, not just to put on your stall mats under bedding to soak up pee when goats are confined to a stall. I spilled a bucket of milk in my barn

fridge once and the clean up was made much easier by throwing a bunch of bedding pellets in the bottom of the fridge. Once they soaked up the milk I used a whisk broom to sweep it out and then wiped down the fridge with bleach water. Goat pees on a stall mat - throw bedding pellets. Milker leaks a puddle of milk - throw bedding pellets. Sweet PDZ is often the follow up. It kills odor and takes care of dampness.

If I do a complete stall clean out I always finish with sprinkling PDZ across the entire space. I pour cups of it on the pee spots in the sand outside the barn door to kill the smell (WHY can't they walk a few steps away from the doorway?) I am so OCD about these products that I get anxious if I don't have enough extra bags in the shed to last for many months "just in case".

Mary Belle Lattig

ARS hoof trimmers.

Lisa LaRose

I use the kidding and breeding record notebooks from Caprine Supply.

Brienna Ott

We use the pedigree software ZooEasy (below). It has a inbreeding percentage report that is very useful. We LOVE Chaffhaye.

Casey Craig

	Females								
Males	Aurora Borealis AURORA	Billie N/A2	Content Valley's Daisy Su... XL05024P	Content Valley's Deliah... XL04757P	Content Valley's Poggio Su... GXL00332	Cyra N/A1	Josephine 305	Rae N/A	Shady Oaks Farms Spottie... SPOTTIE
Content Valley's Warped S... AML05635	12.50%	12.50%	14.06%	3.13%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	12.89%
Deiscirt Cross JJ Easter'... AML04646	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	50.00%
Redman REDMAN	12.50%	12.50%	14.06%	3.13%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	12.89%
Staghorn AML0000001	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.34%	0.00%	0.78%

Keeping notes, I use a dry erase board in the milk room, 3 ring binders for health and breedings, and I also use Kintracks.

Melissa Swartz

I jot down all of my records in a small planner I keep at my desk. I write down breedings, heats, kiddings/birthweights, and maintenance tasks like deworming. I even use it to write down sales or purchases. Basically anything!

In regards to dewormings, I usually take a sticky notepad with me to the microscope, and make tic marks for the counts in each chambers and then figure the EPG. I date it and write the goat's name on that sticky note as well, in case it falls out, then put it on the corresponding date in my planner. If I deworm an animal, I make sure to write down with what and the dosage.



Notes From the Mini-Goat Folks: Favorite Products

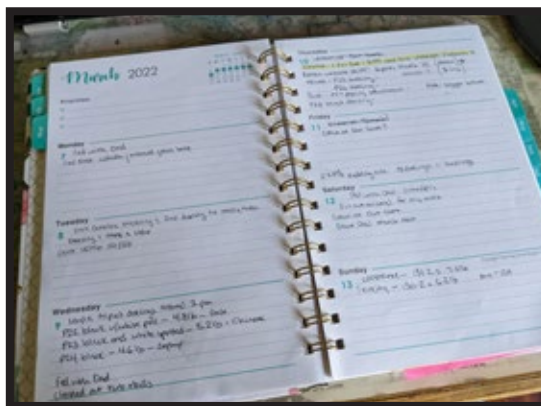
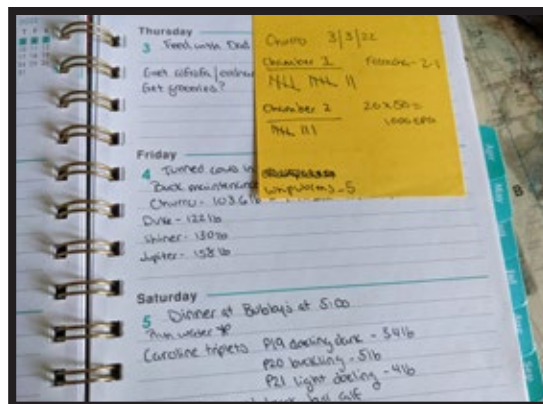
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I highlight some things like breedings, kiddings, and dewormings to make them easier to find later just flipping through the year. These planners are small and easy to store on a book shelf, plus I like having it all in one place.

With many of these records, I also make blog or farm page posts so I have a searchable digital copy as well.

Recently, I splurged a little and got a custom 3 ring binder and tabs for my pedigrees!

Kendra Rudd Shatswell



Using a small planner for all goat records! Fecal egg counts are calculated on the sticky notes and placed accordingly.

Mini Goat Classifieds

Members, shows, and clubs - you can advertise your farm, organization, or event to other MDGA members! Fill out the online form at <https://miniaturedairygoats.net/mini-goat-notes-directory-submission/>

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Letter to the Editor: How to Know You're a Goat Friend

By: Regina Tervo

Seeing you, I lift my head and all focus goes to you.
I may call in greeting or make my way to you whether
I'm heavy with kid or just have to weave through a
herd.

Up or down a hill or even through a stream that
wasn't there yesterday, I will make my way to you.
Once there I will greet you by rubbing my head on you
or jumping up.
Smell your breath, and then I will pop a big cud in my
mouth for a long chew.
This is my way to say I'm happy to see you and invite
you to stay awhile.



Recipe: Goat Milk Flan

By: Natalie Epler

This recipe was adapted from the Williams Sonoma recipe, which used ramekins instead of a large pan.

Ingredients

For the caramel:

- 3 Tbs. sugar
- 2 Tbs. water

For the flan:

- 2 1/2 cups whole goats milk
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise, or a few drops of vanilla extract
- 2 whole eggs plus 6 egg yolks, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar



Directions

1. To make the caramel, in a small saucepan, combine the sugar and water. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, then cook without stirring until the mixture becomes a golden brown syrup, about 5 minutes.

2. Pour the caramel evenly on bottom of square pan turning mold to coat it with caramel about halfway up the sides.

3. To make the flan, in a saucepan, combine the milk and the vanilla bean. Place over low heat and heat until small bubbles appear along the edges of the pan. Do not allow the milk to boil.

4. Place a rack in the center of an oven and preheat to 350°F.

5. In a bowl, using a whisk, beat together the eggs, egg yolks and the sugar until a pale, creamy mousse forms. Add a little of the hot milk, whisking constantly to prevent the yolks from curdling. Add the remaining milk little by little while continuing to whisk. Remove and discard the vanilla bean. Strain the custard through a fine-mesh sieve into the prepared dish dividing it evenly.

6. Place pan in a large baking dish and carefully add boiling water to reach halfway up the sides of the molds, creating a water bath.

7. Bake until they have just set but the centers still jiggle just slightly, 50 to 60 minutes. To test, touch the surface of the custard lightly with the tip of a knife; it should come away clean. Remove the baking dish from the oven and lift the molds out of the water. Let cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate until well chilled, at least 2 hours or up to 6 hours.

Photos from the Mini Goat Folks

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Betsy Lyle*



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Nigerians and
Mini Nubians*

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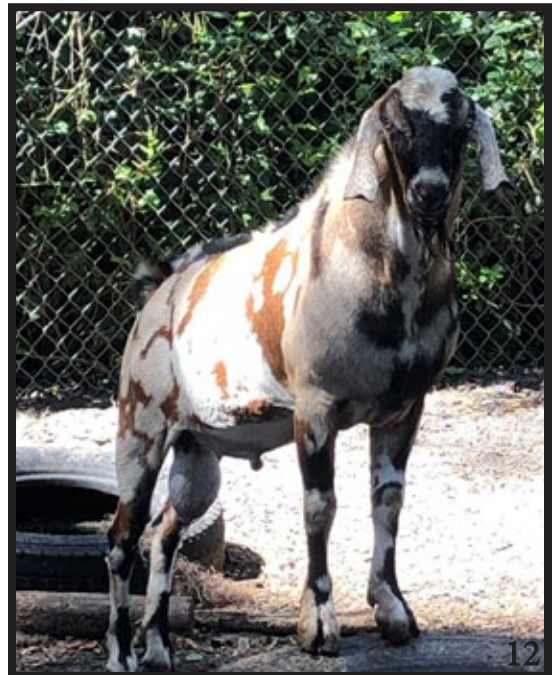
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FJF's Little
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Photo (above) by DS Clark



*My boys - 2 Mini LaManchas and 1 Nigerian Dwarf
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by Em
Franco*



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