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# Miniature Dairy Goat Association Mini-Goat Notes



## Letter from the President

With kidding season wrapping up for most, we find ourselves in the thick of show season! In many barns across the country, hair is flying and razors are wielded as goats are being prepped to their best to be judged. Because minis are a relatively new breed still, shows have not been as abundant as our standard counterparts. However, this year, we have seen a rise in new shows available as our members become more educated about and determined to host shows in their areas. It may seem daunting to put on a show, but our MDGA Live Show Chairperson is very passionate about helping our members learn to start up clubs and host shows and is always an email or a phone call away. I encourage you as members to look into getting a group together in your area and try your hand at hosting a show! I remember the very first show our local club put on and it wasn't perfect, but we've learned and have grown each year and have had successful shows since, you just have to jump in and go for it and have fun!

For those that are more rural and less access to live shows, or are more concerned with biosecurity, time away, etc, MDGA offers our very own Virtual Show to participate in! You can earn Virtual Champion titles on your animals and you only need to submit your very best pictures of each goat.

Visit our brand new VShow website to see details on how to enter the show as well as photo guidelines. The VShow has been hosted since 2009 as a service to our members. It has had it's ups and downs as it has grown tremendously over the years and our hard-working VShow coordinators did an extreme amount of work behind the scenes to keep the show running for our members.

Last fall, MDGA had a new site constructed just for the growing VShow that would facilitate the show coordinators in being able to put on the show more effortlessly. We ran into some bumps with our Fall show and we apologize for that, there is nothing like this out there, it was all coded from scratch to be fairly automated on the backend. However, the kinks have been worked out and we hope to have a smoother show this Spring!

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## **President Letter**

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We recently had our form updated which allows members to crop their photos easier upon upload and sign up multiple goats at one time as well as our layout has been reverted back to the original! As time goes on and more feedback comes in, we will continue to make the VShow a better experience for our members.

I hope that this encourages more members to show off their goats whether live or virtual. It is a tremendous educational opportunity as well as a great way to meet other breeders that are passionate about improving our mini breeds!

**~Cassandra Baldovinos~  
MDGA-President-2023**

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*Be sure to check out the MDGA website and Facebook page for the most up-to-date show listings and announcements!*

*See an article in Mini-Goat Notes that you would like to share?  
Unless stated otherwise, you may share the articles as long as you give credit to both MDGA and the original author!*

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## **Spring Virtual Show**

We are excited to announce that our Spring 2023 MDGA Virtual Show will be held in JUNE!

**Details for the show: \$10 Early entry May 15 - June 15**

**\$15 Late entry June 16 - June 30**

**Judges: Ashley Burton and George Andrew Jr.**

As you all know, the V-Show is a one of a kind service that MDGA is proud to offer our members. The organization has been very busy in the background working hard to improve our show experience for not only the members but also those that work diligently behind the scenes to put on these shows for you. We want to thank those members that participated in the survey; your feedback was very valuable.

We also want to apologize for the extreme delay in our last show. Unfortunately the developers ran into a few unexpected obstacles that caused it to go longer than we anticipated. The new site has been coded fully from scratch to be able to handle the volume of our shows as well as to run efficiently and quickly, so with that came some complexities. The site is fully functional now and we will be continuing to improve it where needed as time and shows go on.

In addition, we will have a set schedule for our Virtual Shows so members no longer have to ask "when's our next show."

**Moving forward members can expect our Spring show to be held in June and our Fall show in September, of every year.**

**Entries will be open the first day of the month and close the last day of the month.**

We will be updating our site with this information.

MDGA thanks you for your patience as this organization grows and we accommodate that growth with more efficient processes.

## Milk Stars

We'd like to recognize the following animals that have earned their milk stars between the time period of April 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023!

### Bucks

Foggy Fork Farm Whose Ya Ninja +B - Samantha Barton - Mini Nubian  
Laz E Acre's Shooting Star +\*B - Kellie Jones - Mini Nubian  
Blackberry's Jolly Ol Saint Nick +\*B - Robyn Bollender - Mini Nubian

### Congrats to MDGA's FIRST ++B Mini Buck!

VMCH Blackberry's Moon Man ++\*B - Thanh and Elizabeth Duong - Mini Nubian

#### What is a ++B Buck?

A MDGA buck may earn a double plus (++) through progeny with:

1. Three \*P daughters out of three different dams.

AND one of the following:

2. Two sons that have earned a +B.

3. Two \*P daughters from different dams and one +B son.

### Mini Nubian Does

Udderly Precious Penelope \*P - Michelle Wittke  
Kessel Run JJ Mocha Latte 5\*P - Michelle Wittke  
Dancing Roosters FP My Angel Elsie \*P - Michelle Wittke  
Lil' Bit of Heaven DancingQueenMarie 4\*P - April Lenhart  
Howell's Hilltop Dreaming Juliet \*P - April Lenhart  
Lil' Bit of Heaven RW Blue Larkin 3\*P - April Lenhart  
JC's Zabrina \*P - April Lenhart  
Kessel Run RGR Hallelujah Ahava \*P - Jennifer Crawford  
Rosies Critters On The Run Thelma 4\*P - Rose Shinkle  
Cedar Creek AWR Moonshadow 3\*P - Rose Shinkle  
Rosies Critters Roast 'Em Phyllis 2\*P - Rose Shinkle  
Rosies Critters Etta Stone \*P - Rose Shinkle  
Hurlburt Farms D Dory 5\*P - Kathleen Hurlburt  
Hurlburt Farms PM Princess Anabella \*P - Kathleen Hurlburt  
Hurlburt Farms MSJ Lady Jane It Is 4\*P - Kathleen Hurlburt  
Hurlburt Farms SOS Baby Ruth 4\*P - Kathleen Hurlburt  
Hurlburt Farms AAA Dorothea 6\*P - Kathleen Hurlburt  
Hurlburt Farms Blue Jean Lady 3\*P - Kathleen Hurlburt  
Blackberry's Bob's Midge \*P - Natalie Barret  
Prancing Pony Cassiopeia \*P - Natalie Barret  
Moorheart's Bailee 3\*P - Natalie Barrett

## **Milk Stars**

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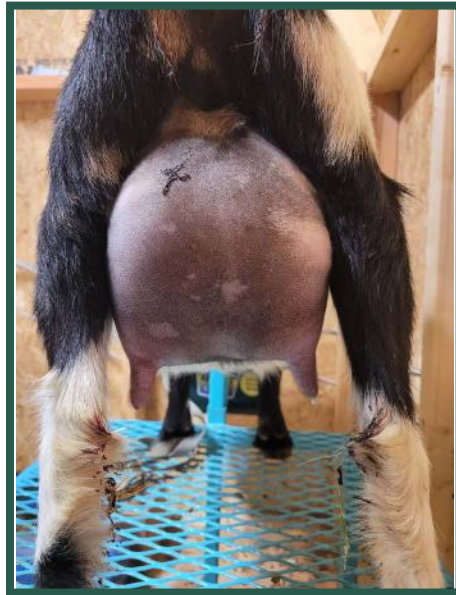
Blackberry's BSN Harvest Moon 3\*P - Cherida Tidwell  
Robin Hill Farm Birch Grove \*P - Cherida Tidwell  
Wylder Ways Evangeline \*P - Cherida Tidwell  
Ava's Acrobat Magnolia 2\*P - Cherida Tidwell  
Cedar Creek GLW Blue Destiny 2\*P - Michelle Taub  
Rosies Critters Commander Kiva 2\*P - Alyssa Downs  
ZyGoat Farms Gingersnap 2\*P - Alyssa Downs  
Mini Ranch R Macy's Fallon 2\*P - Melanie Winfield  
Mini Ranch R Macy's Daisy \*P - Melanie Winfield  
Mini Ranch PM Southern May Abi 2\*P - Melanie Winfield  
Mini Ranch Southern May Pancha 2\*P - Melanie Winfield  
Blackberry's BT Baby G \*P - Tara Demulling  
W4's Doosie \*P - Tara Demulling  
Magnolia Main Clover \*P - Chelsea Wenrich  
Back 2 Basics Birdie \*P - Lisa Stoke  
Rusty Star Ranch Jasmine 2\*P - Kellie Parker  
Ginger Top Farm Sapphire Blue 2\*P - Kellie Parker  
Rusty Star Ranch SS Snickerdoodle 2\*P - Kellie Parker  
Rusty Star Ranch SS Butterfly 2\*P - Kellie Parker  
Foggy Fork Farm WYN Priss Pot 4\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm WYN MochaCheena 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm Creme De La Creme 2P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm WYN Wagon Wheel 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm Brown Eyed Girl 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm WYN Priss Pot - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm Gimmee A Riesen \*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm Laced In Sapphire 2\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm HoneyPot of Gold 2\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm NA Ante Up 2\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm Ma Chérie 2\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm NA Bell of the Ball 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm NA Drizzled in Ruby 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm NA HEY! Bohkee 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm NA Nelbels SweetPea 2\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm NA Lamborghini 2\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm Supreme Divinity 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm NA Roll a Rolo 2\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm Norma Jean Riley 3\*P - Samantha Barton  
Foggy Fork Farm WYN Lady Ezmerelda 2\*P - Samantha Barton

## Letter to the Editor: Patience is a Virtue: Udder Improvements

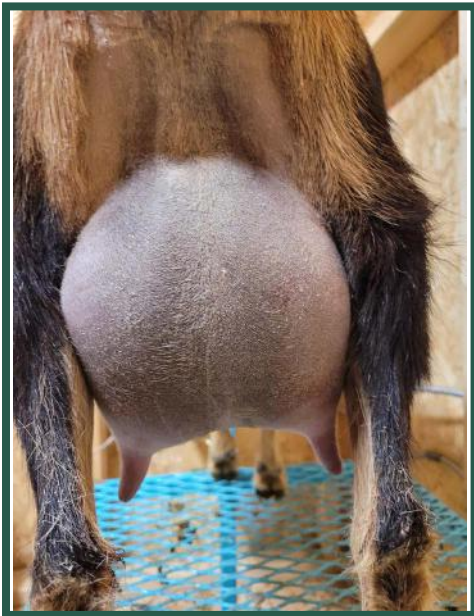
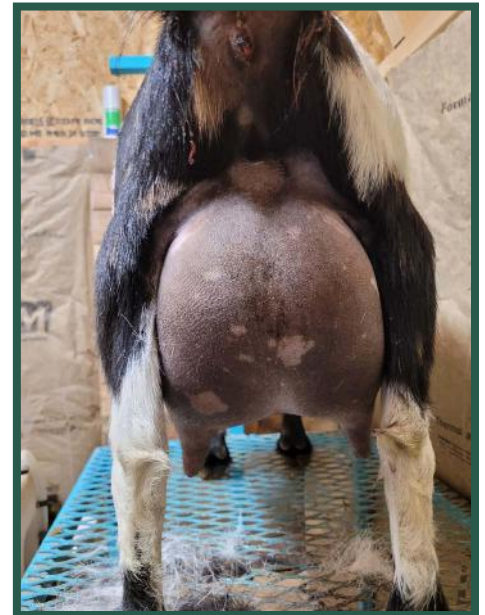
*These breeders share some great photos that illustrate how much an udder can change for the better in subsequent freshenings and remind others not to judge first fresheners or newly-fresh does too harshly.*

A PSA for new breeders...so many people judge a first freshener by their udder. Do you want correctness, good teat placement and a smooth foreudder? Absolutely! But it amazes me how many people think a first freshener should have a "blow you away" udder. Personally, I believe a doe that has that "amazing, wouldn't change anything" udder as a FF, most likely will \*not\* hold up as a 6, 7, 8, 9 year old with that same "beautiful udder". Let them mature! Give them time!

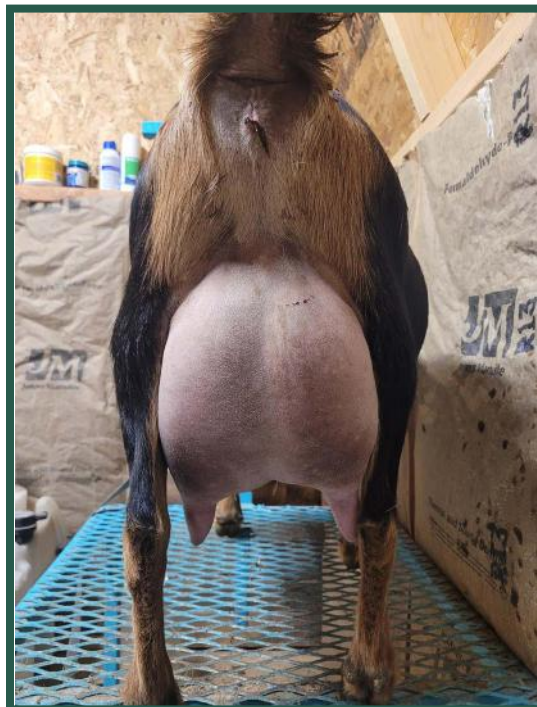
Let me show you some pictures of a couple first freshener udders from last year, and their second freshening udders from this year.



*The first two pictures are LD Ranch TEN Double Stuf, first pic is her FF udder. Second pic is her second freshening udder, and she is on track to milk over 1200# this milk test*



*Third picture is of LD Ranch ARM Midnight Orchid's FF udder, and 4th picture is of her 2nd freshening. She is also on track to milk over 1200#*



So, please keep this in mind when you are asking for FF udder pictures or making decisions within your own herd. You may just be passing up a \*really\* good doe, or selling one you will forever regret!

**Living Dreams Ranch  
- Nigerian Dwarf Goats**

# Letter to the Editor: Patience is a Virtue: Udder Improvements

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This is a progression of ff Little Tots Estate PenelopeBea. All udder pictures were right around a 12hr fill. It is absolutely crazy how they can go from YIKES to Oolala. Thank you, sweet Penny, for this life long lesson on being patient.

## Bella Rossa Estate



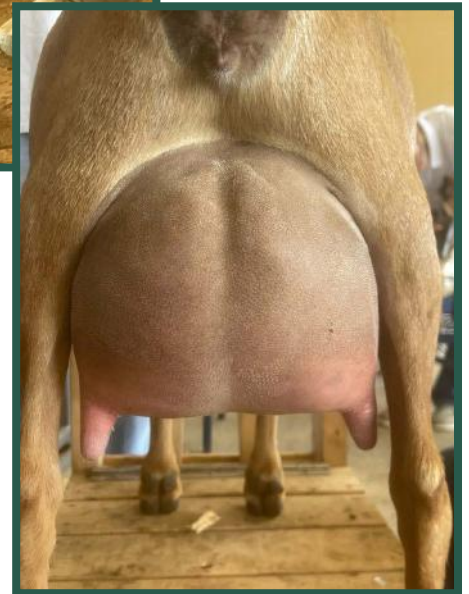
*Above left to right: 3/22 10 min  
prefresh  
3/24 - 2 days fresh  
3/27 - 5 days fresh*



*Left and below:  
Approximately  
60 days fresh and  
showing off!*

*Above:  
3/30 - 10 days  
fresh. This is the  
exact moment that  
I had to make sure I  
had the righ doe on  
the stand.*

*Right:  
4/25 - 33 days  
fresh. This is the  
moment I did a face  
palm for selling her  
daughter.*



*Patience is a Virtue: Udder Progress con-  
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## Notes From the Mini-Goat Folks: Selling

**When sending animals to a new owner, what other information/documents do you give the new owners, besides registrations, registration applications, and/or transfers?**

**Tell us your best tips for helping an animal make a smooth transition to a new herd!**

I get a CVI if crossing state lines. Testing results. Notes on health from any recent vet visits. I always make a card with dates of last CDT, copper bolus, BoSE, deworming if done, hoof trim, and microchip number. I always ask if the new owner has a place to quarantine and isolate new goats to help them adjust and for safety/comfort. Before transport, I give some B complex just as a boost. Goats also go with a small portion of the feed I am feeding them and some animal crackers for treats.

**Tina Dawn**

I send all my kids with a health record documenting all vaccine and worming dates. Coccidia prevention, and hoof trims, as well as a bill of sale, if requested. I also send a gallon freezer bag of current feed for the new owner to transition to their feed on.

**Krystal O'Bryan**

I include health records, pedigree, registration, purchase document, how to take care of your new kid when received. My kids will come with an new collar and name tag, grain if on grain, milk with electrolytes in it for transport stress, bottle with their own nipple. Adults get grain with them. I will give a vitamin boost and or B-complex.

**Melissa Swartz**

In addition to transfer and registration information, I give a health record of everything I've done on behalf of the animal. I include instructions on what I feed and herbal supplements they are getting and where they can get them if they wish. I include a copy of the sire and dam's registration and a copy of any testing done.

**Debbie Ravenberg**

We also have a folder we put together for our buyers that contains: registration papers for goat being sold, health records for that goat with dates of vaccinations and other cares, copies of parent's papers, copies of genetic testing, copies of our most recent disease testing, registry bill of sale, and then we have buyer sign a bill of sale for our farm that we keep for our own records. We also send transitional feed home with them, too.

**Sarah Vernon**



*Photo by Brittany Spencer*

I put a binder together for my buyers. It has registrations, copies of genetic tests of parents, copies of health tests, and an emergency pamphlet that contains possibly every goat question/issue (deworming, breeding, feeding, emergency care etc...). I had to start putting in a binder with all the informational care papers.

I also provide transitional food (if the goat gets that), and a sample of my herbal dewormer. Before the goats leave, I try to do a 3-5 day herbal dewormer rotation. I give them Probios and b-complex on day of travel. My buyers have all said the booklet/pamphlet has been very useful.

**Zygoat Farm**

We send a 3 ring binder home with charts, medication lists, and articles we have collected as well as a barn sheet which lists feeding, medications, vaccines, and kidding history if an adult doe. Topped off with a digital thermometer.

**Stephanie Smith**

First, I make copies of everything!

**Dee Mill**



## Notes From the Mini-Goat Folks: Selling

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I not only give them the registration or receipt of what I entered into the database, I give them a bill of sale and all my records on the goat since kidding. I share all the medication/wormer/coccidiostat I give and dates, cdt vaccines, etc.

I also give bottle instructions, teach bottling in person, and provide baby tote (care package) of the bottle I use, milk for transitioning to new milk or replacer, a dose for cdt, and other items if necessary.

**Alexandra Douglas Doss**

Bill of sale and worming and vaccination schedules.

**Desiree Seigfreid**

At GoGo's Herd Farm, I register all the kids that are sold online once full payment is received and have the certificate sent to new owners. I forward the accepted from MDGA email to new owners. Contact with all information & let them know when they should get the certificate. Sometimes they get the Certificate before the kid they purchase. Not a problem a snap shot of the certificate for the trip if the kid is being shipped will work.

Older goats I sign papers over but take pictures first just in case something gets lost in the mail; they have something to fall back on. I send them a copy so they have 2 copies to fall back on.

When the certificates come to the new owners I ask that they message me a copy that I can go over and make sure everything is correct. Sometimes they have to be sent back for corrections. Best to do it now than years of certificates needing corrections! Sometimes, buyers like to pickup and have their last payment with them. I register the animal online with them there. Send them the copy of registration then & copy of payment. Have the Certificate sent to their address. If they are new to MDGA they get to see how it is done, including how the Bill of Sale filled out etc...

**Regina Tervo**

I send a binder that includes copies of all parents health tests, genetic testing, awards, application for registration/registration, copies of contracts, and a HUGE packet on goat care. I also send a baggy of

food for transitioning over (if the eat grain, some only eat hay), and herbal dewormer if they aren't doing that with their herd (yet). I give probios and bcomplex before they travel as well.

**Michelle Shawnee Eisenring Taub**



*Photo above by GoatInBy Farm and below by Chris Lynne*



# Showing Off Those Minis!



First mini show in the northeast! The CCNY Mini Dairy Goat show was held on June 3rd, 2023 in Canaan, NY. Heather Edwards (left) Photos right and below courtesy of Jamie Butler



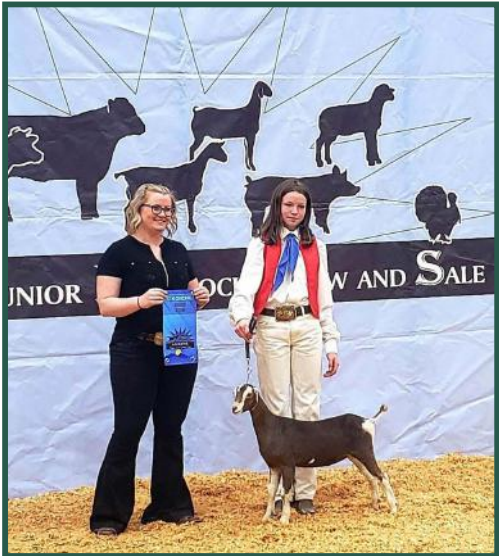
KoolKidz Show in Blackfoot, ID below Photo courtesy of Jessica Gardner Bischoff



Photo above - My late girl Ezzy - 8 years old and still winning! Photo courtesy of Jessica Gardner Bischoff



Showing at the Nevada Jr Livestock Show and Sale Photo above courtesy of Kerian Ortiz Photo right courtesy of Michael Gardner



# Upcoming Shows 2023

## *Kool Kids Clover Show*

*Idaho Falls, ID - Bonneville County Fairgrounds*

*July 8, 2023*

*Mini Nubian - AOM - Nigerian Dwarf*

*1 ring*

## *Ozark Empire Fair*

*Springfield, MO - Ozark Empire Fairgrounds*

*July 30, 2023*

*Jr & Sr AOM*

*1 ring*

## *Oregon State Fair*

*Salem, OR - Oregon State Fair*

*September 2, 2023*

*Mini Nubian - AOM - Sr & Jr Does*

*1 ring*

*Remember to check the MDGA page on Facebook and the MDGA website for the most up to date show information!*



*Memorial Classic Dairy Goat Show  
Brenham, TX*

*GCH Jr Mini Nubian  
Owned by Alyssa Downs*



*Left - My grandson James showing our F1 Mini Nubian, Numi Numi in the Texas Two-Step. Photo courtesy of Zygoat Farm*

*Below a record-setting class of 18 Jr Mini Nubians under 4 months old at the Texas Two-Step*

*Photo courtesy of Texas Mini Milkers*



*Left - Texas Mini Milkers*

*Texas Two-Step  
Boerne, TX*

*Kerry O'Neal and her first finished champion, FCH Rafter*

*O Four Leaf Clover  
Photo courtesy of Texas Mini Milkers*



## Recipe: Yogurt Summer Pie

*Shared By: Rebecca Sears from*

### Ingredients

**Raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, mandarin orange, or lemon**  
**10 oz (or more)pkg ( frozen raspberries in syrup, thawed)**  
**small box raspberry jell-o or an envelope of Knox gelatin**  
**Two cups of goat milk yogurt**  
**8 oz pkg cream cheese softened**  
**graham cracker pie crust**

1. Drain the syrup off the berries into a small sauce pan. (If you want to use fresh berries, mash an extra cup of berries and add water to make a cup of liquid. Add a cup of sugar to make the syrup.) Sprinkle the jell-o and/or gelatin over the liquid, and stir over low heat to dissolve. Pour the berries into the pan.
2. In a mixing bowl beat the cream cheese until it is creamy. Stir in the yogurt. Fold in the berry mixture, and pour into the pie crust. Cover and refrigerate a couple of hours until it is firm. Garnish with {low-fat} Cool-Whip.
3. This makes a nice creamy lemon pie. Use a half cup of lemon juice, a half cup of water, and a cup of sugar in place of the berries. Use lemon Jell-O Garnish with Cool-Whip. I think it would also make a nice lime pie, but I have not tried that yet. With the mandarin orange, I used apricot Jell-O.

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## Recipe: Yogurt and Frozen Yogurt

*Shared By: Ed Kinser*

### Ingredients

**4 cups (1 quart) yogurt**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**dash of salt**  
**1 cup whipping cream (or goat milk with lots of butterfat)**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla extract**  
**Optional--2 cups of mashed, ripened fruit; mocha or chocolate flavoring, etc.**

Now that it is summer and time for cool dairy treats, we have been making yogurt to have with fruit or to turn into frozen yogurt. When you have an extra quart of milk and a little extra time, give it a try.

We begin by pasteurizing a quart of fresh milk, which is then placed into a glass Mason jar. Next, we add a large spoonful of Danon Vanilla Yogurt, which contains the live *L. acidophilus* bacteria. The jar is then placed in our ice chest, where it sets on a heating pad. In the past, using a thermometer in a glass of water, we have found that the “high” setting is good for maintaining a temperature of approximately 100 degrees. After 24 hours, we have a quart of yogurt, to which we add 1 cup of sugar and a teaspoon of vanilla flavoring. Although less solid than “store-bought” yogurt, it is twice as good (and...we know where it came from!).

To make frozen yogurt, we use the recipe above, placing the mix in a 2-quart container in the ice cream maker. Thoroughly combine yogurt, sugar, salt, whipping cream and vanilla in mixing bowl. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes. Add fruit or flavorings to chilled mixture before freezing. Freeze as your ice cream maker recommends.

## Goat Gadgets

*Author: Kendra Rudd Shatswell*

Reusable zip ties! I found these on Amazon. I've found so many uses for them so far, and they've saved me a lot of zipties. They are easy to take on and off unless a goat really chews up the end. Shown here giving me something to clip my sunshade up to.



The sun shade on the right was another Amazon find. We have no shortage of trees for shade but trees mean leaves and chunks of black walnut courtesy of the over-abundance of squirrels. I bought this one for a smaller tank, but it just covers this larger water tank, too. It is significantly cooler (10-15



degrees) under this shade, keeping the water more palatable. I've had this a few years and I am very pleased with how well it has survived the summer sun and heat and the occasional storm. They come in several colors, shapes, and sizes. This particular one is Amgo brand.

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## 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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Mini Nubians - healthy, friendly, and exceptional!

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THE Mini Dairy Goat Club of Texas!  
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GREAT mini THINGS are HAPPENING in TEXAS -  
Join us!

### *Udderly Outrageous Goat Boutique*

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/UdderlyOutrageous>  
NEW Goat tee and gift shop including MINI breeds!  
Updated weekly!

## Breeding Minis: Mini Nubian Ear Types

*By: Krista Hinkson*

Many people get very caught up in the generations of the mini Nubian breed. This is understandable, especially for someone who is just learning because you think that the higher the generation of the goat, the better, stronger, and more dominant the breed qualities. Mini Nubians make it a little difficult when it comes to breeding beautiful pendulous ears because, depending on the sire and the dam, generation does not always take this into consideration.

First, let me say that ears are one of the easiest qualities to fix. There are four types of ears that we see in the mini Nubians. I will start with the least desirable and work towards the most desirable Mini Nubian ear. Knowing the difference in the ears can also play a big part when registering the goat if they are to be registered as American or Purebred.

**Airplane:** Yes, this word says it all. They look like they may take flight. The airplane ear type sticks straight out from the head. They may have a slight rise upward or may have a slight drop downward. These goats also have full control of their ears.



**Drop:** Drop ears are hard to sometimes place because they are very similar to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  drop. There are a few things to look for that helps decipher the difference. There will be significant spacing between the ear and the face, especially when these ears are in a relaxed position. These are not parallel to the head/face of the goat. One way to describe a drop is that they flare out away from the face where the ear meets the head. Another thing to consider is the ear length; they are considered drop if they are too short to meet the nostril. Goats with drop ears might also have a lot of control of the ear.



*Drop ear photo courtesy of Donna Hudson*

*More examples of mini Nubian ear types can be found at <https://miniaturedairygoats.net/mini-nubian/>  
and here for mini LaManchas <https://miniaturedairygoats.net/mini-lamancha/>*

## Breeding Minis: Mini Nubian Ear Types...continued

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**¾ Drop:** ¾ drop ears are very important when registering for experimental or American. The ¾ drop will fall closer to the face with minimal spacing from face and ear, although there can still be a little air between ear and face. The ear length is also very important here as it must meet the end of the nostril of the goat. The ears may lay more parallel to the face.

**Pendulous:** Ears should be long, set close to the head and follow close to the face all the way down the face towards the mouth. They should flare some, creating a bell-like look as they round at the end of the ear. Ears should also reach the end of the mouth if not longer.



Identifying ear types does get easier with the more goats that you encounter. Visually seeing the differences does help when learning and deciding between drop, ¾ and pendulous.

## Patience is a Virtue: Udder Improvements

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Just wanted to share the progression of a first freshener to a second freshener. This is Sweeter Than Honey Sweetie. The first photo is as a yearling, one week fresh. The second photo is a few weeks into her first lactation. The third photo is of her 13 days into her 2nd lactation. A lot can change! She still has some maturing to do, but I am not unhappy. **Sweeter Than Honey Homestead**

