

Dairy Goat Handbook

Evaluation Of Defects

Head

1. Large scurs or stubs-moderate fault.
2. Natural horns-serious fault.
3. Neatly disbudded or dehorned-no fault.
4. Crooked face-very serious fault (does)
5. Undershot or overshot jaw-slight to serious fault.

Fore Body Conformation

1. Short, shallow, or heavy shoulders moderate to serious fault.
2. Narrow chest or pinched heart girth moderate to serious fault.

Legs and Feet

1. Enlarged knees, nondisabling lameness, turned out or crooked feet-all moderate faults--more serious in bucks,
2. Small boned for body size, bowed over front knees, buck-kneed, hind legs close together, or sprung pasterns-all moderate to serious faults depending on degree -more serious in bucks.
3. Very crooked or malformed feet -very serious faults.

Mammary System

1. Udder pendulous; too distended to determine texture; hard or swollen (except in does just fresh); so uneven that one half is less than one half the size of the other -all serious faults.

2. Double openings in a teat-serious fault.
3. Udder that is lacking in size and capacity in relation to size of doe; double opening in teat, extra teats, teats that have been cut off-all very serious faults.
4. Separation between the halves of udder or presence of scar tissue; front, rear, or side udder attachments lacking; udder too beefy or with a pocket-slight to serious faults.
5. Teats that are set close together. Bulbous, extremely large or small, pointed sideways, uneven in size, having small streams or other-wise hard to milk, not clearly separated from udder-all are moderate faults.

Some Disqualifications

1. Total blindness.
2. Blind udder or teats, extra teats that interfere with milking.
3. Active mastitis or any other cause of abnormal milk.
4. Evidence of hermaphroditism or other inability to reproduce.
5. Serious emaciation.
6. Permanent lameness.
7. Permanent physical defect.
8. Crooked face on bucks.

