

# Canadian Dairy Goat Conformation Analysis - Female

Name or Barn No.	Client	Classification Date		
Registration No.	Sire Registration No.	Birth Date	Fresh Date	Lactation No.

Section	Score	Descriptive Traits	Defective Characteristics
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<b>Rump</b> (10%)		Rump Angle (47%)	high 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 low		10 Advanced Anus 2,5	13 High Tailhead 0,5
		Pin Width (31%)	narrow 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 wide		11 Advanced Tailhead 1,5	14 Wry Tail 1
		Loin Strength (22%)	weak 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 strong		12 Recessed Tailhead 1	
		Thurl Placement (research)	back 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ahead			

<b>Mammary System</b> (42%)		Udder Depth (14%)	deep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 shallow		20 Tilt 1	26 Blind Quarter 8
		Udder Texture (10%)	fleshy 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 soft		21 Reverse Tilt 0,5	27 Webbed Teat 2
		Median Suspensory (20%)	weak 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 strong		22 Short Fore 1	28 Front Teats Back 1
		Fore Attachment (20%)	weak 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 strong		23 Short Rear 1	29 Rear Teats Back 1
		Front Teat Placement (0%)	wide 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 close		24 Lacks Udder Shape 2	
		Rear Attachment Height (14%)	low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 high		25 Unbalanced Quarter 1	
		Rear Attachment Width (12%)	narrow 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 wide			
		Rear Teat Placement (8%)	wide 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 close			
	Teat Length (2%)	short 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 long				

<b>Dairy Strength</b> (22%)		Stature (12%)	short 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 tall		40 Wry Face 1	44 Weak Back 1,5
		Height at Front End (3%)	low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 high		41 Malformed Jaw 1	45 Not Well Sprung 1,5
		Chest Width (23%)	narrow 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 wide		42 Shallow Fore Rib 1,5	46 Lacks Balance 1
		Body Depth (17%)	shallow 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 deep		43 Weak Crops 1,5	
		Angularity (28%)	non-angular 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 angular			
		Body Condition Score (5%)	low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 high			
		Udder Texture (5%) Loin Strength (7%)				

<b>Feet &amp; Legs</b> (26%)		Foot Angle (20%)	low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 steep		30 Abnormal Claw 1,5	34 Crampy 3
		Heel Depth (20%)	shallow 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 deep		31 Weak Pasterns 1,5	35 Rear Legs Back 1,5
		Bone Quality (12%)	coarse 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 flat		32 Boggy Hocks 1	36 Toes Out Front 1,5
		Rear Legs-Side View (17%)	straight 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 curved			
		Rear Legs-Rear View (31%)	hocked-in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 straight			
		Locomotion (research)	non-mobile 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 mobile			

<b>Class</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
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## Classification Makes Sense

Classification is a comprehensive evaluation of the physical structure (or conformation) of a dairy animal (bovine or goat). It is an important herd management tool which helps owners to improve the functional conformation of their goat herds, thereby instilling a built-in, natural ability in the goats to produce higher volumes of milk over longer lifetimes. Good conformation goats are put together for optimal workability making them goats that are easy to work with, more resistant to breakdown or disease, trouble-free and lower maintenance. These are goats that seem to perform at higher levels with greater ease, which is good for the well-being of both the animals and the owners. Conformation recognizes the requirements of the modern day goat to meet the demands for intensely managed profit-making dairy operations. Classification is considered a small investment that makes a lot of economic sense for a successful goat enterprises.

## Friendly and Professional Service

Classification is a nationally-delivered service by Holstein Canada that appraises the conformation of all of the dairy goat breeds. It is performed by highly-trained professionals with expertise in the assessment of goat conformation and herd management. Classifiers are personable and knowledgeable, and carry with them a love and passion for economic milk production. Classifying allows the herd owner to benchmark their goats in comparison to the national population and trends. It provides a great opportunity to talk with these knowledgeable individuals who see a lot goat operations across Canada.

## Modern Technology Makes It Easy

The classification service deploys the most modern computer technologies to make it an easier and more enjoyable experience for the customer. At the conclusion of the visit, the herd owner is provided with high-quality graphic reports on each animal classified. In addition, there are herd summary and herd trend reports which help the herd manager better recognize the strengths/weaknesses of individual animals and the development of the overall herd. For the computer-friendly producers, PDF reports can be requested from the classifier and received electronically via Internet, or alternatively producers can receive classification data files that automatically upload into on-farm management software.

### Mammary System (42%)

Soft, high, wide and strongly attached, with good teat length and placement

- Healthy udders that are resistant to breakdown
- Easy to milk with effective milk letdown and milk-out
- Capacious udders for high milk volumes
- Ligament strength and udder attachment to keep udder free from contamination

### Feet & Legs (26%)

Widely placed legs, intermediate curvature, and a steep foot with a deep heel

- Greater resistance to lameness and foot diseases
- Straight-tracking locomotion with ample freedom of movement
- Mobility to get to the feed bunk, milk parlour and for heat detection

### Dairy Strength (22%)

Well-sprung, open ribs with adequate width

- Adequate capacity for the consumption of a high forage diet
- Sustains proper body condition with high milk output
- Healthier goat with room for vital organs to operate

### Rump (10%)

Well-sloped, wide and strongly anchored to back/vertebrae

- Impacts position of reproductive tract to be held high within abdominal cavity
- Improved fertility
- Better calving ease & healthy recovery following calving