Judging Goats

Parts of the Goat
## Dairy Goat Scorecard

### Perfect Score

**Doe** | **Buck**
---|---
35 | 54

### General Appearance

Attractive individuality indicating femininity, vigour, strength and stretch with a harmonious blending and correlation of parts, impressive style and attractive carriage; graceful and powerful walk.

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### Body Capacity

Relatively large in proportion to the size of the animal, providing ample digestive capacity, strength and vigour; width throughout, starting at head.

- wide, deep barrel and heart girth
- wide in head, full in crops
- wide through back and loin
- wide chest floor between front legs
- full at elbow

### Dairy Character

Animation, angularity, general openness and freedom from excess tissue, giving due regard to stage of lactation for does.

- long, lean neck blending into shoulders
- well-defined withers
- flat, long, well-sprung ribs
- fine-textured, loose, supple skin; fine hair
- lean and angular lines
Perfect Score

Doe................................................. 35
Buck................................................ 0

Mammary System (Does only)................................................................. 35  0

A capacious, strongly attached, well-balanced udder of good quality, indicating heavy production and a long period of usefulness.

- Medial suspensory ligament, shape, texture ........................................... 15
- Fore Udder ....................................................................... 8
- Rear Udder ..................................................................... 8
- Teats ............................................................................. 4

Judge’s Eye

The ideal slope of rump should resemble the middle diagram. The goat on the left has an extremely steep slope of rump, while the goat on the right has a level rump; both undesirable characteristics.
The set of the rear legs should resemble the middle diagram. The goat on the left has extremely sickled legs, while the goat on the right has extremely posty rear legs; both undesirable sets of legs.

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Source: 4-H Ontario Judging Tool Kit
Market Kid Scorecard

Perfect Score

General Appearance

Quality and Condition

- well muscled, with smooth firm flesh
- clean, strong bone
- smooth, glossy hair and loose, supple skin

Size and Development

- size appropriate to age; high growth preferred

Fore Quarters

- Shoulders
  - well muscled with smooth, firm flesh
  - withers barely defined
- Brisket
  - broad, deep and muscular
- Forelegs
  - heavily muscled, round, clean bone
  - strong, straight legs with strong, flexible pasterns

Hind Quarters

- Rump
  - long and broad with smooth, firm flesh
- Twist and Thighs
  - low, wide, well fleshe twist
  - deep, wide, firm and muscular thighs
- Hind legs
  - clean and strong bone

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Body

Capacity ........................................................................................................ 2
• ample room for digestive system

Heart girth ........................................................................................................ 2
• large girth with wide chest floor
• fullness at point of elbow

Barrel .................................................................................................................. 4
• deep and broad; well supported

Loin ..................................................................................................................... 7
• broad and strong with full, deep flanks

Head and Neck .................................................................................................. 5

Head ..................................................................................................................... 2
• clear, bright eyes; large, open nostrils

Neck .................................................................................................................... 3
• medium length, strong and thick
• blending smoothly into shoulder and brisket

Total ..................................................................................................................... 100

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