

DO YOU OWN AN ADVANCED REGISTRY (AR) DOE OR A STAR (ST) MILKER?

Because the terms are interchanged so frequently, many people consider them to be the same thing. The basic difference is that an AR doe is one that has met minimum production requirements while on DHIR test. Part of the recognition of the record is the awarding of a *M for that particular doe. All AR does have the *M designation awarded to them. Does that have met minimum production levels (as shown on chart titled, "AR DOE REQUIREMENTS") in the ADGA guidebook are all AR does.

Ways a doe can earn the designation of *M without being an AR doe.

- 1) By earning required points at a One Day Milking Competition, or
- 2) On the basis of progeny (several different combinations).

For complete details on the *M designation, refer to the ADGA Guidebook.

*M can be earned on the basis of Milk, Butterfat OR Protein. The number of stars appearing after a doe's name refers to the number of consecutive generations (on the maternal side of her pedigree) of animals that qualified for a star. For example, a 3*M means the doe, her dam, and her maternal grandam are all star milkers. The stars do not all have to be earned in the same fashion to be counted as consecutive.

+ – Good Plus (Linear)
+B – Plus Buck earned from offspring production information
*B – Star Buck awarded from parent production information
*M – Star Milker
A – Acceptable (Linear)
AI – Artificial Insemination
AM – American (Herdbook)
AR – Advanced Registry Milk Awards
AS1C – Alpha S1 Casein
BDIS – Best Doe in Show
BOB – Best of Breed
BOS – Best of Show
BU – Best Udder
BUOB – Best Udder of Breed
BUOS – Best Udder of Show
CAE – Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis
CL – Caseous Lymphadenitis
CH – Champion
D/AV – Daughter Average
D – Dam
DHI – Dairy Herd Improvement
DHIA – Dairy Herd Improvement Association
DHIR – Dairy Herd Improvement Registry
DIM – Days in Milk
DNA – Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DRPC – Dairy Records Processing Center
E – Excellent (Linear)
EC – ADGA Executive Committee
EC – Extremely Correct (Linear)
ET – Embryo Transfer
ETA – Estimated Transmitting Ability
F – Fair (Linear)
FS – Final Score (Linear)

G6-S – G6-Sulfatase Deficiency
GCH – Grand Champion
ITP – Innovative Test Plan (non traditional DHI plans accepted by ADGA – see DHI Glossary)
JCH – Junior Champion
LA – Linear Appraisal
MSL – Medial Suspensory Ligament
NOA – Native on Appearance
OS – Owner Sampler test plan – see FAQ section for DHIR
P – Poor (Linear)
PB – Purebred (Herdbook)
PTA – Predicted Transmitting Ability
PTI – Production Type Index
RCH – Reserve Champion
REL – Reliability
RG – Recorded Grade
ROA – Report of Awards
RT – Reproductive Technologies
S – Sire
SG – Superior Genetics
SGCH- Superior Genetics Grand Champion
ST – Star Volume Milk Awards
(J)TC – Judges Training Conference
(Pre)TC – Pre Judges Training Conference
VG – Very Good (Linear)
VT – Verification Test

1. **What does DHIR stand for?** Dairy Herd Improvement Registry [Additional information DHI Glossary Dairy Goat Acronyms](#)
2. **I would like to start testing, what do I need to do?** Ask us for a DHIR info pack. There is an application to be completed for ADGA. You should also contact a DHI association and apply for testing ([List of Affiliates](#)). There is a step by step information sheet and a contact sheet in the packet and it is also at [Steps for ADGA DHIR](#).
3. **Where can I find a description of the Test Type plans?** The ADGA guidebook and at [DHI Record Plans](#)
4. **Does ADGA assign the herdcode?** No, you will get that from your DHIA (DHI Association). The herdcode is unique to your farm as a identifier for production records.
5. **Do I need to have separate herd codes for miniature and standard herds?** That was a recommendation in the past but no longer applies and was removed from the 2016 guidebook edition.
6. **What is the difference between AR and ST awards?** AR is Advanced Registry (DHIR testing) shows on pedigrees and used for genetic evaluations. ST (Star) is from One Day Milking competitions, from relatives or from Owner Sampler testing. The production values are not shown on pedigrees. One Day Milking levels are not used in genetic evaluations. [Additional information](#)
7. **What is the deadline for a new herd going on test?** There is no deadline for a new herd. Renewals are due by January 31st of each year, although there is an extended grace period.
8. **What is considered the "lactation year" at ADGA?** October 1 through September 30. A doe freshening Nov. 10, 2016 would be in the 2017 lactation year.
9. **What is the late fee for renewal DHIR testing applications that are delinquent 60 days or greater?** 100 % of application fees , but no more than \$100
10. **When do I have to have my first test?** There is **NO** requirement at ADGA. If the first test is 90 days or more after freshening it will not be used for genetic evaluations but can still be used for *M purposes if under 305 days and meets registry requirements. If the first test is under 5 days, it is too fresh to test due to residual colostrum in the sample. [Additional information about production evaluations.](#)
11. **How frequently do I have to test?** There is **no** requirement for most test plans. For Owner Sampler AR you need to have 8 tests and at least 240 days in milk for the AR record. Frequency of testing may affect the DCR but it does not affect the use of the record

for other plans. What this means for other plans is that there is **no** requirement regarding maximum days between tests. 15 days or less between tests is considered a retest, so a new test needs to be more than 15 days from the last test.

12. **How many tests do I need to be official?** The 'official' designation went away years ago. There is **no** requirement other than the OS plan mentioned above for ADGA DHIR. OS ST needs a DCR of 75. Top Ten requires 93. There is no requirement for use of the record for other purposes. [DHI article](#) about no longer using the term 'official'.
13. **What happens if I dry off 45 days or more after my last test?** This could affect ADGA's use of the record as the doe is being credited with milk without any documentation. The records are reviewed for use and usually are not accepted.
14. **I forgot to report a dry date so the record center used the day before she kidded this year. What now?** This creates the situation in #10. You can go back and correct the dry date with your tester or record center.
15. **What should I expect on test day?** [Test Day Basics](#)
16. **What equipment is needed?** You or your tester will supply a scale that weighs to 10ths of a pound, a ladle and weigh bucket. Your DHIA or lab will assist with sample bottles, paperwork or software, and mailers (unless they want you to use your own).
17. **Do I need to have the scale checked?** Yes, before using at your first test (even when new) and annually after that.
18. **How are my does identified?** Does new to the herd or being tested for the first time should have tattoos checked if on the ADGA DHIR program. After that, neck tags can be used.
19. **What are the breed codes used?** Alpine – A, Experimental – E, La Mancha – L, Nigerian – D, Nubian – N, Oberhasli – B, Saanen – S, Sable – C, Toggenburg – T, Mixed/Unknown – X. This is a separate field, do not use in the numerical ID portion when entering a doe on test.
20. **What is the minimum number of herds that can participate in "group" testing?** 3
21. **Who can be a tester?** Your DHIA approves testers, each one may have different criteria. ADGA accepts testers approved by the DHIAs. Your tester cannot be a family member or someone you co-own goats with. It is acceptable to have a tester that you may have purchased goats from, or has purchased goats from you as long as approved by your DHIA.
22. **What is the minimum DCR requirement for Top Ten Awards?** 93
23. **What is the minimum DCR requirement for Owner Sampler ST?** 75

24. **Are Owner Sampler records used for Top Ten?** No
25. **What is a DCR?** Data Collection Rating. A calculation from the CDCB from testing information regarding test day information such as # of test, level of supervision, etc. [Additional information](#)
26. **Where do I find the levels needed for a *M?** [*M levels](#). Also, the ADGA Guidebook Section IX has all of the information on the DHIR program.
27. **Why isn't my buck designated as *B?** there has to be production awards from both parents — see guidebook for complete award requirements.
28. **What is a Verification test?** A test conducted by someone other than just your regular supervisor or yourself. It is required for some of the test types and for some awards.
29. **How many milkings must be supervised for a Verification test?** 3 [Verification Test instructions](#) [VT Form](#)
30. **Can my regular tester do the VT?** They can do 2 of the 3 tests, but someone other than the tester must do at least one. This applies to standard or group test situations.
31. **I'm on OS-40, so am I the regular tester?** No, you are an owner sampler. So for VT purposes, you cannot do any part of the verification test. The same applies for any test plan at the VT. The owner cannot do any of the weighing or sampling.
32. **I want to do OS-40 for AR. Do I need to send my tester certification documentation every year?** No, just once.
33. **I don't have my certification yet, can I add it later?** Yes, we'll update your DHIR information as soon as it is received.
34. **I have gone to once a day milking and need a verification test. Does it have to be three tests?** All verification tests require 3 supervised milkings, when completing the VT form the supervisor would need to check (indicate by putting a check mark or initial) for all of the milkings, noting that one of the milkings is skipped.
35. **What is the correct way to go from twice a day milking to once a day milking?** At the halfway point between your last test and your next test. The test interval (number of days from the previous test day through the current test day) is divided into two equal portions. Production credits for the first half of the test interval are calculated from the previous test day information, and those for the second half of the test interval are calculated from the current test day information.
36. **Does once a day milking or pulling kids on test day affect the record?** Yes. The program and algorithm for determining production is designed for animals being routinely milked at

least twice per day for the length of the lactation. Once a day will artificially lessen overall production and keeping kids on their dams except for test day will artificially increase overall production. This in turn affects the genetic evaluations for relatives.

37. **When do I have to have the VT done?** Owner Sampler herds must have a VT when the majority of the herd is 60-150 days in milk. Other test plans can do this at any time during the lactations.
38. **How many tests do I need for Top Ten?** There is no set requirement for # of tests, but they would need enough tests to have a DCR to meet the minimum for TT. It usually takes at least 8
39. **Where is the current Breed Leader (Top Ten) list ?** Click [here](#) for the latest list.
40. **How many tests do I need for *M?** There is no set requirement unless you are Owner Sampler AR. That plan requires 240 days in milk **AND** at least 8 tests.
41. **How will I know that milk stars have been applied to my doe's records?** They would show on certificates of registry, pedigrees, currently/ever owned list, performance tab on doe information on the member site, subscription reports and the DHIR EDIT report which is sent out in late May.
42. **Where can a customer go on the WEB to check milk records?** [CDCB query page](#) for records in progress as well as completed records which are also at ADGA.
43. **Do the herd owners need to send ADGA their monthly DHIR reports?** No, we do not use monthly reports.
44. **Does a herd owner need to send in a doe page once the lactation is completed?** No, unless the Owner Sampler ST program test type has been selected. All others, including Owner Sampler AR do NOT need to send in doe pages.
45. **How long does it take for *M awards to be applied?** Allow 2 weeks if by electronic upload via CDCB once the doe has been reported dry to your record center. For *M ST, work is done in order that it is received.
46. **What is the fee to revise a Registration Certificate when accompanying an application for an AR Certificate?** Free
47. **Where can I get more information?** Please call or email [performanceprograms](#) or support@adga.org. Also [National Uniform Operating Procedures](#) and [ADGA's Standard Operating Procedures](#).