

DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA VICTORIAN BRANCH  
24 HOUR MILK PRODUCTION TESTS

Twenty -four hour milk production tests will be held in accordance with rules 5 a-j of the Victorian Branch Regulations and corresponding Federal Regulations.

When a milk test is being conducted by the Branch Committee or an affiliated Club, numbered buckets should be provided with the numbered tags allocated to each goat. On farm tests, with only a few animals may do without this formality.

Upon arrival at the venue, tattoos will be checked by the Stewards and again checked at each milking. The Stewards will also ensure that goats are properly stripped dry at the strip-out. If a participant has a number of goats in the test then they must be milked out in the same sequence at the strip-out and at the milking. A reasonable time is allowed for milking each goat. No goat may be removed from the premises of the test without the permission of the stewards until after the completion of the last milking.

Milk production tests should indicate yields on normal foods. The administration of drugs and stimulants and the feeding of whole milk or animals fats to increase milk yields is NOT permitted.

The following information, certified correct by the stewards, must be included on the 24hour test sheet. Name of goat, her Breed, H.B. Number, tattoo, date of last kidding, Name of Dam,Dam's HB Number, Award of Dam, Herd Book Reference, Name of Goat's owner. Time of strip-out and times of each milking. Yield obtained at each milking in kilograms.AM/PM Butterfat

It is the Stewards responsibility to check the tattoos at each milking, check that each doe is stripped out correctly, weigh the milk and insert this amount in the appropriate column on the 24 hour test form.

If a qualified sampler is present, a proportional sample is taken of a.m. and p.m. milk and placed in the bottle for Butterfat testing.

In the absence of a qualified Sampler, the non-participating D.G.S.A. member will take a separate a.m. and p.m. sample for Butterfat testing. The Victorian Branch Milk Awards Officer will determine final Butterfat Average.

Bryony LePoidevin State M.A.O.

STEWARDS STATEMENT: I/WE THE STEWARDS AT THIS TEST STATE THAT THE 24 HOUR MILK PRODUCTION TEST WAS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES LISTED ABOVE.

NAME/SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

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\* **If you require Butterfat Percentages to be sent to your steward from the factory when you are doing 24 hour Milk Tests please include a Stamped Self Addressed Envelope with your milk samples.**



DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
VICTORIAN BRANCH  
APPLICATION TO HOLD A 24 HOUR MILK PRODUCTION TEST

I/We.....  
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.....(Name & Address of Individual or Group)  
wish to apply to hold a 24 hour milk production test during 200\_\_

The venue for this test will be:-  
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The supervising stewards will be:-  
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Weighing, recording and sampling of milk for butterfat testing will be carried out by:-  
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If this person if not a qualified sampler they must be a D.G.S.A. member and take separate a.m. and p.m. samples.

Butterfat testing will be carried out by:-  
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**SIGNATURE**.....

**DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA VICTORIAN BRANCH INC.**  
**LIST OF PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING 24 HOUR MILK PRODUCTION**  
**TESTS FOR STEWARDS & SAMPLERS**

A. ARRANGEMENTS

1. Arrange with the owner of the doe/does to be tested the date and times that the doe/does are to be stripped out and the first milking time.
2. Be sure you keep the appointment or contact the owner, well before the appointed time should changes be necessary

B. STRIP-OUT

1. Ask if the owner has completed his/her portions of the milk test sheet. If or when this is completed, start the owner stripping out the first doe.
2. When the owner states he/she has stripped out the doe, check that the udder is completely empty. It is your duty to physically check this. When you have checked the udder, note the time the strip out was completed and mark the time on the test sheet. Check the tattoos in the doe's ears to be sure that they correspond with the letters and figures on the sheet. Even if there is only one doe, or you feel that you know the doe, this procedure **MUST** be carried out.
3. WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY
4. Proceed to check each and every subsequent doe individually as above.

C. FIRST MILKING

1. Before the owner starts to milk the first doe, check that the doe's tattoos correspond with those on the test sheet, and that the owner's bucket is clean and dry.
2. Mark a milk sample tube with the first number used for the testing.
3. When the owner has finished milking, mark the finishing time on the milk sheet
4. When the milking for the first doe is completed, the milk is to be poured into the tester's clean dry bucket and weighed.
5. After weighing stir the milk thoroughly, Fill the sample bottle. Some factories need 30 mls to be able to test the sample. If you are not a qualified sampler you need to take a separate a.m./p.m. sample. This test tube sample must be under the control of the steward/tester until dispatch to the butterfat factory/depot.
6. Check that the owners bucket is clean and dry before he/she starts to milk the second doe.
7. This full procedure must be carried out for each and every doe on test.

D. SECOND MILKING

1. Check the first doe's tattoos as before. Keep does in consecutive order as in the first milking.
2. Make sure the owner's bucket is clean and dry before milking.
3. Be sure the owner commences milking the doe with sufficient time to allow him/her to complete the milking **BEFORE** the 24 – hour period lapses. e.g. if the stripped out time is 5.30 p.m., the final milking should start about 5.20 p.m. so that the **SECOND MILKING IS COMPLETED BY 5.30 p.m.** If it is not, the testing is disqualified.
4. Follow the method for weighing the milk as before.
5. Take the milk sample as before. Fill the sample bottles as some factories need 30 mls to be able to test the sample. Proceed as above with the second and subsequent doe/s. **MAKE SURE YOU CHECK EACH DOES TATTOO AS SHE IS MILKED.**

## BRANCH REGULATIONS

5(a) All 24 Hour Milk Production Tests shall be run in accordance with the relevant Society Regulations (Federal Regulation 62 in Herd Book Vol. 55), and using the procedures forwarded to the applicant by the Branch Milk Awards Officer, on approval of the application for tests.

(b) Only one application to hold a 24 hour Milk Production Test need be submitted each season for test/s providing all details are supplied and remain unchanged. Exact date of test need not be notified. All potential Stewards must be listed on the application for the tests, anyone not listed cannot steward until a further application is made.

(c) All seasonal applications to hold such tests are to be received by the Branch Secretary on the prescribed form, in time to enable the Committee to give its approval. The Secretary shall advise the Milk Awards Officer of all applications received and approved. Results from tests conducted without Committee approval will not be accepted by the Branch.

(d) The results sheets from all milk tests shall be forwarded to the Branch Milk Awards Officer within 30 days of the test, regardless of whether or not awards are being claimed at the time.

(e) There should be a non-participation Steward in attendance at all times during the 24 Hour Milk Production Test.

(f) Two (2) Stewards must be present at strip out and both milkings.

(g) Stewards are responsible for documentation and samples at all times.

(h) Stewards are responsible for delivery of milk samples to the factory or tester.

(i) Note Federal Regulation 62 b) i), regarding who can be a Steward. (Test Supervisor) (Herd Book Vol. 55)

(j) The Branch may hold a 24 Hour Milk Production Test, the date and venue to be decided by the Committee.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Scales must be set to zero with the clean, dry bucket suspended.
2. Be sure the weighing bucket is clean and dry for each and every weighing.
3. The same bucket must be used for each and every weighing.
4. The bucket used by the milker must be clean and dry before milking each time.
5. Make sure all stewards, sampler and testers sign the sheets.
6. The person making the changes must sign any alterations.
7. **There should be two sheets completed. One is sent to the Milk Awards Officer and one retained by the owner for his/her own records in case there is a loss in the mail.**
8. **Milk results must be submitted in kilograms not litres**

MILK TEST SHEETS TO BE SENT AFTER BUTTERFAT RESULTS HAVE BEEN FILLED IN BY THE TESTER. IF POSSIBLE ALL RESULTS ARE TO BE SENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REGULATION 62 (g) HB 55

SEND RESULTS TO:

STATE MILK AWARDS OFFICER  
BRYONY LEPOIDEVIN  
480 HOWES CREEK ROAD  
MANSFIELD, 3722

## CLAIMING FOR AWARDS

ALL DOES WHO APPEAR ON THE MILK TEST SHEET WILL HAVE THEIR AWARD CLAIMED FOR IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO CLAIM FOR THE DOE YOU NEED TO CROSS HER OFF THE SHEET. YOU MAY SEND \$5.00 PER DOE IN WITH YOUR TEST RESULTS IF YOU WISH TO CLAIM AWARDS RIGHT AWAY. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE THAT YOU HAVE QUALIFIED YOU CAN CONTACT THE MILK AWARDS OFFICER.

**Forms that are not correctly filled in with Name of Dam and Dam Award and Number (if applicable )will be returned.**

**ALL MILK AWARDS INCLUDING BUCK AWARDS ARE \$5, CLAIM FORMS DO NOT NEED TO BE FILLED OUT FOR 24 HOUR MILK PRODUCTION ONLY HERD RECORDING AND BUCK AWARDS.** Cheques/money Orders to be made out to:

**D.G.S.A. VICTORIAN BRANCH.**

PLEASE NOTE : Claims must be signed by the owner of the goat for which the Award is claimed where the claimant is not the owner.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR FEDERAL REGULATIONS 62 (g) Herd Book 55**