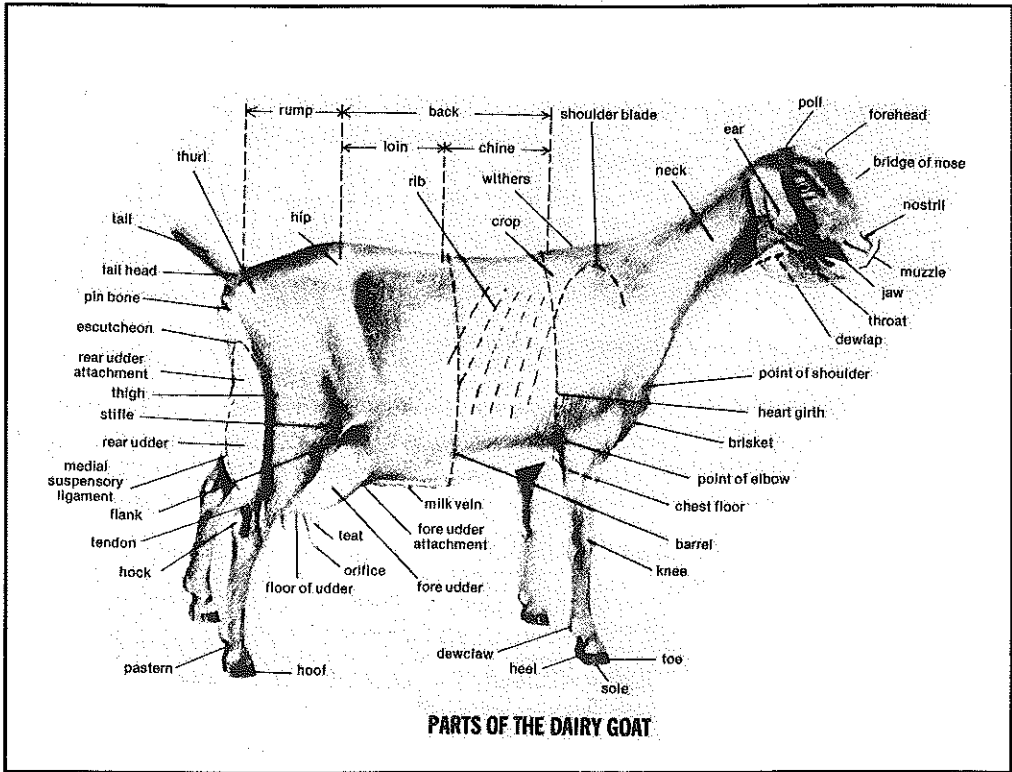


Judging Dairy Goats

Breeds

The American Dairy Goat Association recognizes six breeds of dairy goats: the Alpine, Saanen, Toggenburg and Oberhasli (known as the Swiss breeds); the Nubian (developed in England by crossing Indian or Egyptian goats with native British goats); and the LaMancha (developed in the U.S. by crossing the "earless" dairy goats from Spain and Mexico with breeds in the United States).

Correct conformation of dairy goats is essential for a productive and successful herd. Functional type is significant for productivity, longevity, and resistance to disease. It is important to evaluate the differences of goats as they relate to each other as well as how they relate to the breed ideal.



American Dairy Goat Association Standard Score Card

GENERAL APPEARANCE 30%

Impressive style and carriage, possessing attractiveness and femininity. Breed characteristics and overall body composition.

MAMMARY SYSTEM 30%

Strongly attached and high quality udder, indicating high production and longevity.

DAIRY CHARACTER 20%

Angularity and general openness throughout. Freedom from excess flesh.

BODY CAPACITY 20%

Relative to the size of the animal, providing ample capacity for feed intake and production.

