

SUMMARY OF AWARDS USED BY THE BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY

STAR (*) When 18 points are obtained in a BGS recognised milking competition. Subject to the butterfat percentage being not less than 3.25% at each milking.

Q STAR (Q*) When 20 points are obtained in a BGS recognised milking competition held in Subject to the butterfat percentage being not less than 4% at each milking and the total yield for the competition being: (i) not less than 4.50 Kg when a goat has kidded for less than 365 days (ii) not less than 4.00 Kg when a goat has kidded for 365 days or more.

The female progeny of a goat that has qualified for a Star or Q Star are eligible, upon themselves qualifying for either of these awards, for the appropriate affix which shall be followed by a numeral indicating the number of ancestors in the direct female line that have qualified for either the Star or Q Star, i.e. a goat bearing the affix Q*3 will itself have qualified for the Q Star, and its dam, grand-dam and great grand-dam will have qualified for either the Star or Q Star, while the affix *2 will denote that the goat itself will have qualified for the Star and its dam and grand-dam have qualified for either the Star or Q Star.

R PREFIX To be eligible for the prefix "R" plus numerals, the goat must have yielded not less than 1000 kg of milk in a Milk Recorded lactation period, in accordance with BGS Milk Recording Regulations, the lactation average butterfat percentage of which was not less than 3.00% .

RM PREFIX Register of Merit. The goat and its dam must each have yielded not less than 1300 kg of milk in a Milk Recorded lactation period. The respective lactation average butterfat percentages must not be less than 3.00%. The qualifying yields must have been accepted for publication in the Herd Book. A goat which is registered in the Register of Merit is eligible for the prefix "RM" plus numerals. This prefix shall have preference over and be substituted for the prefix R or C, i.e. RM130 shall indicate a qualifying yield of not less than 1300 kg, and so on.

AR PREFIX. Advanced Register. The goat must have yielded not less than 1600 kg of milk in a Milk Recorded lactation period. The lactation average butterfat percentage must be not less than 3.5% . Also, the dam of the goat must be registered in the Advanced Register or the Register of Merit, and the sire of the goat must be out of a goat so registered. A goat which is registered in the Advanced Register is eligible for the prefix "AR" plus numerals. This prefix shall have preference over and be substituted for the prefix RM, R or C, i.e. AR160 shall indicate a qualifying yield of not less than 1600 kg, and so on

DAGGER PREFIX (†). A registered male goat whose dam and whose sire's dam are both entitled to a Star or Q Star is eligible for the Dagger prefix.

SECTION MARK PREFIX (§). A registered male goat whose dam is entitled to the prefix R and whose sire's dam is entitled to the prefix R is eligible for the prefix Section Mark (§). The prefix shall be followed by the numerals indicating the R value of the dam and the R value of the sire's dam,

respectively, i.e. a male whose dam is entitled to a R185 prefix and whose sire's dam is entitled to a R120 prefix will qualify for the prefix §185/120. The Section Mark (§) prefix is placed before a Dagger when a goat is entitled to both prefixes.

DOUBLE SECTION MARK PREFIX (§§). A registered male goat whose dam is registered in the Register of Merit or Advanced Register and whose sire is (a) Section Mark or Double Section Mark (§§) and (b) out of a dam entered in the Register of Merit or Advanced Register, is eligible for a Double Section Mark (§§). The prefix is followed by numerals indicating the R value of the dam and the sire's dam, respectively, i.e. a male whose dam is entitled to a RM220 prefix and whose sire's dam is entitled to a RM150 prefix will qualify for the prefix §§220/150. The Double Section Mark (§§) is placed before a Dagger when a goat is entitled to use both prefixes.

SIRE OF MERIT PREFIX (SM). A registered male goat which has sired five daughters gaining the Star or Q Star award or the prefix AR, RM or R, shall be given the prefix SM. This prefix shall be placed before a Double or Single Section Mark or Dagger when a goat is entitled to these prefixes.

DAM OF EXCELLENCE AWARD. A female goat which has borne four daughters, each gaining a Star or Q Star award or the prefix AR, RM or R, or four sons each gaining the Sire of Merit award, or any combination of six sons and daughters gaining these awards, shall be eligible for a Dam of Excellence Award. Subject to the award being claimed by the owner or breeder of the dam, it shall be published in the next available Herd Book, but not entered on the goat's registration card. This award may be claimed from 1st January 1994 and qualifying progeny must have been born after 1st January 1990. A certificate will be issued to commemorate each award.

CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES for the best male and/or female goats on inspection and/or the best **INSPECTION PRODUCTION CERTIFICATE** goat and **BREED CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES** for the best Toggenburg, Saanen, Anglo-Nubian, British Alpine, British Saanen, British Toggenburg, Golden Guernsey and British Guernsey male and/or female goats on inspection, at BGS recognised shows:

No award of Challenge Certificate and/or Breed Challenge Certificate shall be made unless, in the opinion of the Judge, the goat is of sufficient merit on inspection to entitle it to a championship or breed championship, respectively, in the event of its winning the requisite number of certificates.

A female goat shall have borne a kid and be entered in a milking competition and Inspection class. A male goat shall be over one year, and must be entered in an Inspection class.

The Judge may cover the possibility of goats' failure to qualify by awarding reserve Challenge Certificate and/or Breed Challenge Certificate. No reserve should be given if, in the opinion of the Judge, a goat is not up to the Challenge or Breed Challenge Certificate standard on inspection. The Judge's decision concerning reserves to awards is final.

During exceptional circumstances following a period when shows have been cancelled or seriously curtailed and for a two year period only commencing 1st January 2003, and at the discretion of the officiating judge and in accordance with the show schedule, reserve Challenge and/or Breed Challenge Certificates if awarded are absolute and qualifying providing the animal achieves 16 points in the milking

competition for the B.C.C. and 18 points for the C.C. as stipulated in BGS Regulations, towards the achievement of Champion and/or Breed Champion status.

A **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** for the best male and/or female on inspection, entered the British section of the Herd Book at BGS recognised shows.

No award shall be made unless, in the opinion of the judge, the goat is of sufficient merit.

An **INSPECTION PRODUCTION COMPETITION** shall be based on the points awarded in a milking competition and on inspection as follows: The first four goats from each recognised inspection class also competing in a milking competition shall be judged together in a Championship Parade and placed according to their respective merits on inspection. If the judge feels that the standard in a recognised inspection class is exceptionally high enough to justify it, then he/she may increase the number of goats brought forward from the class to the Championship Parade. The additional goats must have been placed no lower than sixth in the inspection class and entered in the milking competition. The exhibit placed last to receive one point, that placed next to receive two points and so on to the goat placed first which will receive as many points as there are goats competing; the points

CHAMPION

A male goat has won three Challenge Certificates under three different Judges. He must also have sired three daughters who have qualified for any combination of the following awards

Star (*), Q Star (Q*), R, RM, AR.

A female goat has won three Challenge Certificates under three different Judges and must have gained not less than eighteen points in a milking competition at the same Shows. She must also have won three Inspection-Production Challenge Certificates with a minimum eighteen points in the milking competition. She must also qualify for a Q Star

BREED CHAMPION

A male goat has won four Breed Challenge Certificates under three different Judges. He must also have sired a daughter who has qualified for one of the following BGS awards

Star (*), Q Star (Q*), R, RM, AR.

A female goat has won five Breed Challenge Certificates under three different Judges and she must have gained not less than sixteen points in the Milking Competition at the same Shows and has also qualified for a Star or Q Star.