

DISTINGUISHING SIGNS AND AWARDS FEMALES

(British Goat Society Regulations)

A goat is entitled to any of the following Prefixes and Affixes if it possesses the specified qualifications, and any stated conditions are complied with. If claimed, any such signs to which a goat and its sire and dam are then entitled will be entered officially on the goat's card when it is registered. Should the goat or its sire and dam qualify for one or more signs or amended signs subsequently, the original registration card may be returned with an appropriate form, duly completed, and the current fee, when the card will be amended officially to record the correct Prefixes or Affixes as at the date of such application.

(1) *STAR OR Q STAR AFFIX.* A goat that is awarded a minimum number of points in a milking competition held in accordance with Regulation 19, and complies with the conditions specified below, is eligible for the Star or Q Star affix, as follows:

- (a) *Star(*)* When 18 points are obtained in a competition held in accordance with Regulation 19(1). Subject to the butterfat percentage being not less than 3.25% at each milking.
- (b) *Q Star (Q*)* When 20 points are obtained in a competition held in accordance with Regulation 19(1). 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.

Stars and Q Stars may, in emergency situations, be awarded under the BGS Milking performance Award Scheme (19(5)). When this happens, the details of the MPAS scheme shall take precedence over some of the details in Regulation 19(1), where appropriate.

Awards so gained shall not count towards further awards defined in Regulation 23.

R PREFIX. To be eligible for the prefix "R" plus numerals, the goat must have yielded not less than 1000Kg of milk in a Milk

Recorded lactation period. in accordance with Regulation 14(5), the lactation average butterfat percentage of which was not less than 3.00% in accordance with Regulation 14(7), the qualifying yield having been accepted for publication in the Herd Book, i.e. R100 shall indicate a yield of not less than 1000 Kg. R105 no less than 1050 Kg and so on. Qualifying Club Recorded lactations terminating prior to NOON on 25th September 1986 were indicated by the 'C' prefix.

NOTE: Prior to 2nd October 1947, the Prefix R was based upon the animal's highest yield in a year from 1st October, and indicated

by R2 for 2,000lbs R3 for 3,000 lbs, and so on. Subsequently highest yields were indicated as R25 for 2,500 lbs, R35 for 3,500 lbs, and so on. Before 1969 butterfat was not taken into account. The measurement of Milk Recorded yield in Kg. and the corresponding numerals system, came into effect on 1st October 1977.

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. NB This excludes any 'C' award gained prior to NOON on 25th September 1986. The respective lactation average butterfat percentages must not be less than 3.00%, in accordance with Regulation 14(7). 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 Recording lactation period, excluding any "C" award gained prior to NOON on 25th September 1986. The lactation average butterfat percentage must be not less than 3.5%, in accordance with Regulation 14(7), the qualifying yield having been accepted for publication in the Herd Book 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 1600Kg. and so on.

Awards will automatically be credited except for male goats born prior to 1st January 2009 where the breeder, owner, or other interested party will need to supply the necessary information to the Secretary. (BGS)

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. This award will automatically be credited once a dam has the qualifying progeny whose achievements have been published. The goat's name will appear in the next available Herd Book but will not be entered on Grassroots or the goat's registration card. A certificate will be issued to commemorate each award. This award became available on 1st January 1994 and for the dam to qualify the progeny must have been born after 1st January 1990

CHAMPION

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.(see Regulation 20(1). She must also qualify for a Q Star (see Regulation 21(1)(b).

BREED CHAMPION

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 qualified for a Star or Q Star (see Regulation 21(1)(a) and (b).

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