



OHIO DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

Dear Extension Agent,

First let me introduce myself and my organization. My name is Tammy Gottfried and I am the president of the Ohio Dairy Goat Association (ODGA). Our group has been active for 95 years and we want to help promote youth and dairy goats.

We have a program called Doe Chain. This is when a breeder donates a doe kid to a youth. The youth will then exhibit the doe and after three years the youth will donate a doe to the program to continue the Doe Chain.

Our committee is asking that you present the attached form to your 4-H and FFA advisors to allow members to take advantage of the program.

Sincerely,
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Youth Doe Chain Program

1. The Youth Doe Chain Program is open to current ODGA Youth members of any age.
2. Applications will be anonymized and reviewed by the ODGA Youth Committee, who will select the winning recipient(s).
3. Breeders willing to donate doe kids to the program should express their interest to the Doe Chain Committee by March 1st. The number of committed breeders will dictate the number of winning recipients annually. Only one recipient per breed will be awarded each year.
4. Applications for the Youth Doe Chain are due by March 1st. Recipients will be selected by May 1st, and Youth should make arrangements with donors to receive their doe kid by June 1st. Exceptions to this timeline can be made by mutual agreement of both parties, with the approval of the Doe Chain Committee. Make sure you are checking with you county's 4-H rules for possession dates.
5. The doe kid shall be disbudded, tattooed, and registered prior to pick up. At pick up, both parties shall agree the doe kid is in good health. The breeder will not be held responsible for any issues with the doe kid once the doe kid has left their property. All donated kids shall be raised on CAE prevention (heat treated colostrum, pasteurized milk, or replacer).
6. If the Youth recipient has no other goats, a wether kid will be provided as a companion.
7. The Youth recipient has a period of 3 years from receipt to make their own contribution to the Doe Chain program. The donation should be a registered Purebred or American doe kid out of the Doe Chain doe, if possible. If, by the third year, the Doe Chain doe has not produced a doe kid, another doe kid of comparable quality may be donated to the program with the approval of the Doe Chain Committee.
8. Upon the donation of a doe kid back to ODGA, the Youth member will have fulfilled their obligation to the Doe Chain.
9. If the doe kid is donated back to ODGA in a year in which there are no Doe Chain applicants, the doe kid will be auctioned off at the Buckeye Classic show, and the money raised will be applied to the Youth fund.
10. Should the doe kid die prior to the Youth member fulfilling their obligation, a detailed report shall be submitted to the Doe Chain Committee describing the circumstances of the loss. The Youth member will not be eligible to re-apply for the Doe Chain without the approval of the Executive Committee.
11. By applying to receive a doe kid from the ODGA Doe Chain, the Youth member and the member's legal guardian are expressing their understanding of ODGA's expectation that the highest level of care be provided to the doe kid in order to support the longevity of the program. The program's success is reliant upon generous breeders and responsible recipients.
12. **Questions, comments, or concerns contact Tammy Gottfried @ 419-457-2831 or email odga1927@gmail.com. Additional contacts Candy Kunz 330-607-8714 and Sabrina Kirk 419-348-0005**

