

Ohio Dairy Goat Association

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, which 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 your 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.**

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Youth Doe Chain Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Breed(s) of interest: _____

Signature of Youth member: _____ Date: _____

Signature of legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of legal guardian: _____

Once application is completed email to odga1927@gmail.com or application can be sent by regular mail to Tammy Gottfried, 7249 N. ST. RT 635, Kansas, OH 44841.

Answer the following Questions

1. If you or your family currently raises livestock (or has previous experience), please tell us about your experiences and the animals you raise.
2. If you or your family do not and have not raised livestock, please tell us about your plan to prepare for dairy goats. Be sure to include information about housing arrangements, veterinary resources, and people you plan to rely on for guidance and support.

3. Should you be selected, are you prepared to provide optimum care for your doe for the next several years, at minimum, until your responsibility to donate back to the program has been met?

4. Please tell us why you are interested in receiving a doe from this program. What draws you to dairy goats, or this specific breed? Should you be selected, what are your plans for this doe? What makes you an exceptional applicant? How will you use your knowledge and this doe to further the ODGA Youth program? Feel free to use as much space as you need.