



Myotonic Goat Registry
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Mission Statement

Regardless of whether they are called Nervous goats, Stiff-legs, Scare goats or Fainters, the Myotonic Goat Registry is a place for all breeders to register their myotonic goats. The Myotonic Goat Registry has taken into consideration all breeders, from pet owners to commercial meat growers. Although the Myotonic Goat Registry is passionate about conserving Myotonic goats as the pure breed that they are, it has also included a place for crossbreeding programs so that breeders can register goats with at least 50% or more of Myotonic breeding, up to and including those all-important purebred animals.

The Myotonic Goat Registry will maintain goat pedigrees for breeders. The Registry is also eager to have any background history that the bloodlines of your goats may possess. The registry will safeguard this information so that it is not lost for future generations. The registry will include a three-generation pedigree (based on availability) with your goat's registration to help breeders plan accurate breeding programs.

The Registry will help breeders to promote Myotonic goats through sales, advertising, shows, and by supplying a complete breeder's list to all interested buyers. The Registry will educate the breeders and the public about the Myotonic Goat and its usefulness for a variety of settings. Your farm name and contact information (by permission) will be on the Myotonic Goat Registry web pages.

The Myotonic Goat Registry was founded as a sole ownership registry, with input from a Board of Advisors made up of other long-term breeders. The owner and Board of Advisors all have several years of experience with the breed. The owner and the Board of Advisors make decisions concerning the registry and its procedures. This method of governance is meant to provide Myotonic Goat breeders with a registry that will not have frequent changes, and will have the longevity and consistency needed to successfully promote the Myotonic Goat breed while at the same time being responsive to the needs and wishes of the breeders. The owner, along with the Board of Advisors, will be responsible for providing for its own replacements and/or expansions.

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Responsibilities of the Myotonic Goat Registry

The Myotonic Goat Registry records registrations and pedigrees for myotonic goats. The focus of this registry is on the genetic background of the goats. All myotonic goats are registered by the MGR based on the information provided in the application. The Myotonic Goat Registry maintains records based on that information.

All data submitted to the Myotonic Goat Registry becomes the property of the Myotonic Goat Registry. Each pedigree/registration certificate is based on data received from the applicant. The Myotonic Goat Registry will void any certificate that it determines is misrepresented whether by fraud or error. The Myotonic Goat Registry will assume no liability for damages arising from such entries. The Myotonic Goat Registry only vouches for the accuracy of its information to the extent that the information submitted to it is accurate.

The Myotonic Goat Registry will make efforts to properly document information that is on the certificate/pedigree. In the event that the Myotonic Goat Registry makes a mistake, it will replace the certificate/pedigree free of charge. If the applicant makes a mistake, The Myotonic Goat Registry will reissue a corrected certificate for a fee. The Myotonic Goat Registry assumes no liability for damages arising from a mistake in paperwork, whether by the applicant or by the Myotonic Goat Registry. Applicants should closely check the certificates/ pedigrees as soon as they are received and report any mistakes within thirty days.

The Myotonic Goat Registry makes no claims to the quality or value of any goat registered. It is the desire of the Myotonic Goat Registry that each applicant takes responsibility for the quality and soundness of his or her animals, and only present good sound animals to potential buyers. All transactions involving registered goats are strictly between buyer and seller, and the Registry does not play a role in these transactions other than registering goats.

The owner of the Dam at the time of breeding will be considered the BREEDER of the offspring and will be responsible for the application for registration of the offspring. If the Dam is sold during gestation, a breeding memo must accompany the transfer application. The breeding memo must be signed by both the owner of the Dam and Sire. In the case of artificial insemination, a copy of the receipt of the semen from the seller must be included with the registration application and AI memo.

An annual fee will be charged for each farm/breeder to maintain a herd suffix and herd name, as well as a place in the database. Failure to present the fee to Myotonic Goat Registry on or before January 31 of each year makes the fee past due and farms/breeders are subject to loss of their account file, past due accounts may also be subject to loss of the herd suffix and herd name associated with the account. No herd suffix or herd name will be duplicated within the Myotonic Goat Registry database.

The appropriate fee, as indicated on the Myotonic Goat Registry Schedule of Fees, must accompany all paperwork. Fees must be paid by check, money order, or credit card before work will be processed. Each registration certificate will be issued with an accompanying pedigree of as many as three generations of history. For an extra fee an extended pedigree of up to six generations will be supplied if the background information is available within the Registry's database.

Schedule of fees, April 1, 2009

Item	Fee
Annual Youth Breeder's ID fee	\$12
Registration	\$8
Registration Correction	\$7
Transfer of Ownership	\$6
Extended Pedigree	\$7
Replacement Registration	\$7

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Youth Membership - Breeder's Number Application, including Herd Suffix

Name:		
Farm or Ranch Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
USDA Premises ID Number:		
Website URL (optional, for MGR website):		

Herd Suffix (three letters, numbers or combination of)
1 st choice:
2 nd choice:
3 rd choice:

There is no fee to list your herd suffix. It will remain with you as long as your annual assessment of \$12(twelve dollars) is met on January 1st each year. To figure your fee if applying after February 1st of any year, multiply \$1.00 by the number of months left in the year. You will be invoiced in November for the next year's breeder fee.

Due to variations in laws and regulations from state to state governing individuals under the age of 18 Youth Memberships cannot be listed within the online MGR Breeder's Directory.

Age verification is required for all Youth Memberships. Copies of birth certificates or birth records along with items such as school enrollment forms or State IDs will be accepted for age verification. If you're unsure whether or not your document qualifies contact the MGR.

USDA Premises ID numbers will not be posted to the public.

Signature of youth applicant _____

Signature of legal parent or guardian _____

Mail your completed application along with **age verification** and breeder's fee to:

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Youth Membership - Explanation of Registration Form & Fee Schedule

Goats are registered on the basis of trusting the truthfulness and high ethics of goat owners and goat breeders. Each breeder is responsible for his or her own reputation, and the reputation of the goats. Please read through this explanation of the registration form so that the registry gets the information it needs in order to safeguard the treasure that this breed is.

Current owners name (this is generally the one applying for the registration) and address, etc. are self-explanatory. The Myotonic Goat Registry issues the Breeder ID number so that breeders can be easily tracked. Make sure you sign the application.

The animal's name needs to include the animal's unique name and/or number followed by the breeder's MGR herd suffix. Example: Mr. Big Stuff ABC. The breeder's farm/ranch name may be included before the animal's unique name and/or number if one so chooses. Please note: the owner of the Dam at the time of breeding will be considered the breeder of the offspring.

Date of Birth (if known), Number in Birth along with Number of Bucks and/or Does (if known) and Sex are self-explanatory. Date of Birth and Number in Birth can be listed as "unk" for unknown.

The Purebred or Percent Myotonic sections allow for the tracking of goats that are known to have a percentage of outside breeding. This allows these goats to be identified, and prevents their being sold as purebreds. Goats must be at least 50% or more myotonic to be registered with the MGR in the crossbred section of the registry. The pedigree on crossbred goats should show a progressive upward trend in the purebred percentage thereafter. Goats that are 15/16th or more purebred are considered purebred.

USDA Premises ID #, USDA Scrapie tag #, Microchip #, General Ear Tag #, and/or tattoos should be filled in as applicable to the goat. The Myotonic Goat Registry does not require either a tattoo or scrapie tag, nor does it require a USDA Premises ID, microchip, or general ear tag. However, the USDA has mandated that all goats that are moved from the owner's property have a scrapie tag, or in the case that the animal is registered a tattoo with a copy of the registration papers accompanying the animal.

The myotonic condition this breed carries relates to its *myotonia congenita*, which is an essential portion of the breed type. The myotonic condition varies by degree; use the following guide to fill in the Degree of Myotonia line using the numbers 1 through 6:

1. Never observed to stiffen, but other type traits are consistent as is pedigree.
2. Very rarely stiffens, never falls.
3. Stiffens only occasionally, and rarely falls.
4. Walks normally with no swivel. The rear limbs lock up readily, the forelimbs less so, and goats with this degree of stiffness rarely fall to the ground.
5. Animal walks relatively normally, although somewhat stiff in rear and with a swivel at the hip. Readily stiffens when startled or stepping over a barrier.
6. Animal always moves stiffly to some degree, and readily becomes "locked up" when startled or stepping over a low barrier.

The Myotonic Line helps to identify the main different branches of the Myotonic goat family tree. If a goat is known to have only Tennessee breeding, then this should be listed as "Tennessee." If a goat has only Texas breeding, then this should also be listed. Goats that are bred specifically for small size should be listed as "mini." Many goats are a

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combination of these branches of the family tree, and in that case leave these blank unless the animal is predominantly only one of the types of breeding.

Goats are born either horned or polled (hornless), and horned goats can be disbudded, which means they've had their horns removed, please complete this section as it applies to the goat. When describing Eye Color be precise but not fancy. Use words like marbled or specked only when needed.

Hair Length can vary greatly within the breed and though this is an optional section it helps better identify the goat within the breed. Short hair is short in length, generally laying flat against the body producing a sleek and smooth coat. Medium hair is medium in length, generally flows from the body as opposed to lying flat, and often gives the goat a shaggy looking appearance. Long hair is long in length, hair flows downward from the body; it is so long that it does not give the animal a shaggy appearance, and often times the hair nears the ground. Skirting is used to describe normal shorthaired goats that have much longer haired areas, generally around the back and/or front legs.

Color and Description helps to identify the goat. Be complete but not too detailed. It is useful to list the colors present somewhat in the order of their amount. A goat that is "black, tan, and white" and a goat that is "white, red, and black" are both tri-colored goats, but look very different. The goal is to try to reflect the goat's overall color. If the goat has a peculiar marking then that can be listed as well.

Sire's Registered Name and Dam's Registered name are self-explanatory. The sire and dam's MGR registration numbers must be filled in along with their name. If applicable don't forget to include the completed Breeding Memo or AI memo.

Listing the bloodline or source of animals that are not from a registered background helps to track the source and origin of the breed for future generations. If a breeder and town or county are known, then please list these. If your goat's heritage is known and you'd like to preserve its existing lineage within the MGR database please feel free to do so by submitting any pertinent information you would like to have recorded.

The photograph helps to identify the goat in the event that the goat ends up separated from its registration papers. The goat being registered should appear clearly visible in the photo with the most identifiable side of the goat shown. Photo should be approximately 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" in order to fit on registration certificate. If using digital photography and printing them yourself please use quality photo paper in gloss or semi gloss so as to retain image clarity for many years.

Deceased goats. When you have a MGR registered goat pass away, please e-mail, call, or write the MGR to let us know, this will help us to maintain a more accurate database. Please include the goat's registration number and date of death with your correspondence; we do not need you to return your registration paper.

Schedule of Fees (April 1, 2009):

Annual Youth Assessment Fee - \$12.00

There is no fee to list your herd suffix. It will remain with you as long as your annual assessment of \$12(twelve dollars) is met on January 1st each year. To figure your fee if applying after February 1st of any year, multiply \$1.00 by the number of months left in the year. You will be invoiced in November for the next year's breeder fee.

Registration Fee - \$8.00 per goat Correction Fee - \$7.00 Extended Pedigree - \$7.00

You must have an active Breeder Number with the Myotonic Goat Registry to register a goat or obtain a replacment registration.

Replacement Registrations due to loss - \$7.00

Replacement registrations must include a signed statement by the registered owner of the goat explaining why a replacement is required, two photos, one of each side, along with replacement fee.

Transfer Fee - \$6.00

Parties must have active Breeder Numbers with the Myotonic Goat Registry to transfer a goat.

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Youth Membership - Registration Application

Current owner's name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Breeder ID number:	Signature of owner:	
Signature of legal parent or guardian:		

I certify, with my above signature, that all information given by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and hold myself responsible for said information.

Animal's Name:		Date of Birth:		
Sex: Buck	Doe	Wether		
No. in Birth:	No. of Bucks:	No. of Does:		
Purebred:	or Percent Myotonic:	%		
USDA Premises ID #:	Tattoo: Right Ear	Left Ear		
USDA Scrapie Tag #:	General Ear Tag #:	Microchip #:		
Degree of Myotonia:	(Please use the numbers 1 through 6 for myotonia, as per instructions)			
Myotonic Line (optional): Tennessee		Texas:	Mini:	
Horns: Horned	Polled:	Disbudded:	Eye Color:	
Hair Length: (optional)	Short:	Medium:	Long:	Skirted:
Color and Description:				

Sire: Registered Name	Sire: Registration No.
Owner of Sire at time of service	Breeder No.
Dam: Registered Name	Dam: Registration No.
Owner of Dam at time of service	Breeder No.

If neither the sire nor the dam were previously registered, the breeder, general source or area of origin is requested:

Two pictures of one side of the goat must accompany the application. Registration fee is \$8.00(eight dollars) per goat. You must have an active Breeder Number with the Myotonic Goat Registry to register a goat or obtain a replacement registration. Mail completed application form along with payment to:

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Youth Membership - Transfer Application
(\$6.00 fee)

Parties must have active Breeder Numbers with the Myotonic Goat Registry to use/process these forms.

Date of Sale:	Seller Signature:	
Seller Name (printed):		Breeder No.:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
USDA Premises ID Number:		

Buyer Signature:		
Buyer Name (printed):		Breeder No.:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
USDA Premises ID Number:		

Goat's Name:	Registration No.:
Name of Sire:	Sire's Registration No.:
Name of Dam:	Dam's Registration No.:

Breeding Memo

Date of Service:	
Name of Doe:	Registration No.:
Owner of Doe (at conception):	Breeder No.:
Owner of Doe (signature):	
Name of Buck:	Registration No.:
Owner of Buck (when doe conceived):	Breeder No.:
Owner of Buck (signature):	

Artificial Insemination Memo

Sire's Registration No.:	Or Straw Code if Frozen:
Dam's Registration No.:	Date of AI:
Signature of person performing AI:	

Signature of legal parent or guardian _____

Mail completed transfer application form, **along with original registration** and payment to:
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Myotonic Goat Registry Credit Card Form

Minimum purchase of \$20.00 is required to use this form.
For security purposes Credit Cards via mail or telephone only.

Please fill in this form in its entirety, failing to do so will result in the MGR not being able to complete your requested paperwork. We currently accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.

Item	Quantity		Price Per Item	Amount Total
Registration(s)		x	\$8.00	\$
Transfer(s)		x	\$6.00	\$
Correction Fee(s)		x	\$7.00	\$
Extended Pedigree(s)		x	\$7.00	\$
Replacement Registration(s)		x	\$7.00	\$
Annual Youth Assessment Fee(s)		x	\$12.00	\$
Other:		x		\$
			Total	\$

Card Holder's Name (as printed on card):

Complete Address:

Please Check One:

Master Card _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ American Express _____

Credit Card Number:

Please Check One:

Credit _____ Debit _____

Expiration Date of Card:

Card Identification Code (Three digit code on back of card):

Transaction Amount:

Authorized Card Holder's Signature:

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Myotonic Goat Registry Youth Membership Guidelines

The purpose of Youth Membership within the MGR is to educate, improve, and develop the capabilities of youth members both individually and through group participation. Raising Myotonic goats and showing them encourages growth in such skills as personal responsibility, group interaction, and leadership skills.

The MGR will collect, record, and preserve the records of youth member competitions from year to year, periodically publishing a summary of results on the MGR website. Healthy competition between youth members is encouraged throughout the year with annual high point incentives going to first through third place in each age grouping. A Junior Advisory Committee will serve as an open channel of communication between youth members, the MGR, and those within the general MGR membership.

Membership

Youth members must agree to conform to the rules and regulations of the MGR.

Each sanctioned show within the MGR is based upon a set of MGR show rules but each sanctioned show also has its own individual rules and youth members must agree to abide by individual show rules as well.

In expectation of earning points youth members are expected to abide by any rules and regulations set forth by shows or events held outside of the MGR.

A youth member must be between the ages of 6 and 18. Age is as of January 1st of the current year. For the purpose of point tabulation there will be two age groupings, ages 6-11 and ages 12-18. Annual high point awards for each age grouping will be determined at the end of the calendar year. When a youth member reaches 18 they may compete for a \$500 college scholarship based upon the accumulative points for the duration of their time within MGR. One scholarship will be available each year.

An annual fee of \$12.00 is required for active Youth Membership. The annual fee needs to be paid in full prior to participation and earning points for exhibiting at any MGR sanctioned show or event, any eligible show held outside of the MGR, or any event for which points are awarded. Points are only awarded to active youth members and points are not retroactive.

Youth Member Expectations

MGR youth members are expected to uphold the same high level of truthfulness and ethics as their adult counterparts. Youth members need to be honest in their registration entries and their entries into MGR sanctioned shows or events as well as shows or events held outside the MGR. Competition is encouraged but good sportsmanship is essential. Inhumane or inappropriate action towards animals by a youth exhibitor, or blatant unsportsmanlike conduct, may be cause for disqualification along with forfeiture of awards and/or show points. MGR youth members are the future of not only the continuation of the MGR as a registry but also continued show ring success and growth plus the growth of the livestock industry in general.

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MGR Youth Point Expectations Instructions

Showmanship, Show Participation, and Show Assistant points: Youth members can earn up to 40 points per show, based on class placing, in any single showmanship class using an MGR registered goat. If eligible for participation in more than one showmanship class per show only one of them may be used towards earning showmanship points. 10 participation points per show are available for showing in any other class, regardless of placement in the class, using a different MGR registered goat than was used for the showmanship class.

Youth members can receive 5 participation points for being a "Show Assistant" at any goat show in which they also show, in any class, an MGR registered goat. Show assistant participation and duties must be set up prior to a show, with the show secretary, and only conscientious service throughout the entire show should be awarded merit. Show assistants should be at the disposal of the show wherever help is needed.

If more than one show is held in the same place, on the same date, at a different time, an individual can earn showmanship points, participation points, and show assistant points for each show.

Earned Participation Points: Youth members can earn participation points for participation outside the show ring as well. Each of the following categories is valued at 5 points and is limited to a maximum earning of 20 points each, per calendar year, per individual youth. To earn participation points a youth must volunteer and/or participate in along with an MGR registered goat.

Educational seminar, demonstration, or workshop

Parade, cart driving or group cart training event

Public livestock petting barnyard or circus

Hospitality event for the elderly, handicapped, or disabled

Public play, skit, or theatrical performance

Goat racing, riding, or roping will never be awarded participation points.

Point Verification: Eligible signatures for verification of Showmanship Placing or Earned Participation points include: County agent, show judge, show or event chairperson, secretary, or coordinator. A show secretary is the **only** eligible signature that will be accepted for Show Assistant points. A legal parent or guardian signature **is** required and whenever possible their accompaniment to the show or event is highly suggested.

Points for events and shows will be awarded at the discretion of the MGR. Upon request, by signing this form, one agrees to provide any additional information within ten business days of request. Completed form must be mailed, not electronically sent, within 7 days of the show or events completion. MGR is not responsible for lost or misguided forms, it is suggested you make a copy of this completed form.

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Participants name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Participants Breeder ID # _____ Date of Participation: _____

Participating Goats Name: _____ Goats MGR Registration # _____

Complete Name of Show or Event: _____

Complete Address of Show or Event: _____

Place an "X" in the box or on the line that corresponds to your placement or event in which you participated

Showmanship Class Placing with an MGR registered goat - Points Earned

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
40 Points	35 Points	30 Points	25 Points	20 Points	15 Points	10 Points	5 Points

____ Participation in a goat show with an MGR registered goat – 10 Points

____ Participation as a show assistant as well as showing an MGR registered goat – 5 Points

To earn 5 participation points I volunteered and/or participated with the above listed MGR registered goat in one of the following:

____ An educational seminar, demonstration, or workshop. Please specify purpose of the event _____

____ Parade – walked with goat, road on float or other (please specify) _____

____ Cart driving or group cart training event ____ Public livestock petting barnyard or circus

____ Hospitality event for the elderly, handicapped, or disabled ____ Public play, skit, or theatrical performance

Points for events and shows will be awarded at the discretion of the MGR. Upon request, by signing this form, one agrees to provide any additional information within ten business days of request.

 I certify I have met the requirements for earning the above listed Youth Points

 Signature, phone number, **and** position held of eligible verifier

Signature of legal parent or guardian

Completed form must be mailed, not electronically sent, within **7 days** of the show or events completion. MGR is not responsible for lost or misguided forms, it is suggested you make a copy of this completed form. Mail completed points application form: **Myotonic Goat Registry, 3174 Valley Ford Road, Adger, AL 35006.**

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While it may seem like a minor issue to some, receipt of non-sufficient fund (NSF) checks is a time consuming and costly issue. To manage this process the MGR will begin using FARS (Federal Automated Recovery System) immediately. FARS utilizes the federal and state laws allowing the electronic recovery process of NSF checks. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize the MGR either to use information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. You authorize the collection of a fee through an electronic fund transfer from your account if your payment is returned unpaid. Checks must include: Drivers License #, Full Name, Street Address, Phone Numbers.