

Report of Goat Milk Recording Working Group

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Meetings	<u>Last:</u> (dates & location here) 17. June, Niagara Falls, 16.00-18.00	<u>Next:</u> (dates and location here) June, 2. 2010, Riga
Participation	Full +: Marija KLOPCIC+ Andreas GEORGOUDIS + Klemen POTOČNIK	Absence: Christina LIGDA
Key Agenda Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To prepare "on line" database to fill in his own results for each countries 2. To promote information on goat milk recording practice 3. To continue harmonize the milk recording method 4. To include other characteristic, like litter size, management 5. To include non milked goat breed for meat production 6. To establish the standards for meat recording in goat breed? 	
Important Decisions	<p>We are discussing all topics.</p> <p>1. On-line data collection the Tables proposed on WG meeting 17. June was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total number of population and recorded population by breed in country 2. Recording methods 3. Methods of lactation calculation and milk yield by breeds 4. Recording of non-milking traits 5. Equipment for recording 6. Type of production (organic, conventional) and type of milking (machine, by hand) 7. Traits, which are included in breeding goals <p>Conclusions</p> <p>Increasing importance of simplification of milk recording was discussed and the great diversity in lactation calculation between the countries Big differences in milk yield between breeds and countries The development of optional recordings: milk composition and non-3. milking traits are important It is necessary closely cooperation with other ICAR WG We are proposed to include of meat traits (daily gain, classification by slaughtering or some other meat traits and preparing some draft guidelines for meat traits by meat goats Discussion was to include the fertility and health traits in data sets and some other traits (morphology, functional traits...)? To establish Inter-goat centre for EBW of bucks (for example Boer breed) was proposed?</p>	
Cooperation and links to other WG/TF/SC	Collaboration with WG Milk recording on sheep and Working group on AI and other relevant technologies	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To help secretariat on establish goat database for country/breed data on milk recording and milk quality 2. To manage the database with restricted online data management 	
Top 5 Issues for WG/TF/SC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changes in the constitution of the working group - Renewal of the members of the group. 2. Discussion about preparing "on line" database to fill in his own results for each countries 3. Enhance members' interest to the yearly enquiry 4. Tackle the problem of some point of the guidelines 5. To establish the standards for meat recording in goat breed? 	