

## Myotonic Goat Registry Scorecard- Market Wethers

version 1/30/2026

Category	Points	Ideal Traits	Faults	Disqualifying Faults
<b>General Appearance (consider breed character)</b>	30/30	<p><b>General:</b> Alert, but not afraid, balanced, stylish, deep body, smoothly blended, level top-line, proportionate &amp; balanced. Overall breed character.</p> <p><b>Skin:</b> Clean, resilient, shiny, pliable.</p> <p><b>Muscling:</b> Well muscled</p> <p><b>Bone:</b> Strong boned</p> <p><b>Coat/Hair:</b> Natural short or clipped, no more than 1/2" of hair, clean</p> <p><b>Size:</b> All sizes acceptable, each animal evaluated according to all criteria of score card.</p>	<p><b>General:</b> Consider degree of deviation, traits not characteristic to the breed- Very Serious</p> <p>Completely healed scars due to injury- Acceptable</p> <p><b>Skin:</b> Transmittable skin conditions or parasites: Serious to Very Serious</p> <p><b>Muscling:</b> Flat or lacking depth- Moderate</p> <p><b>Bone:</b> Excessively dense or fine- Very Serious</p> <p><b>Coat/Hair:</b> More than 1/2" in length: Very Serious</p>	Genetic Hernias (umbilical) Breed Character indicative of breeds other than Myotonic
<b>BASIC STRUCTURE</b> <b>1. Head &amp; Expression</b>	20/20	<p><b>Head:</b> Medium length, broad muzzle, strong broad jaw, straight to slightly concave face.</p> <p><b>Ears:</b> To be of medium length, near horizontal, forward facing in a non alerted state. The middle portion of the ear should be somewhat cylindrical. Ears should not extend past the corner of the lip when flattened against the face. Ears should not break over or droop. A half inch ripple effect is permissible in the center of the top side of the ear. When viewing the profile, the ears should be set slightly behind and level (or slightly higher) with the eye.</p> <p><b>Eyes:</b> Alert, Bold, wide set, prominent, should bulge slightly. Any color.</p> <p><b>Bite:</b> Incisors meet dental pad evenly.</p> <p><b>Horns:</b> Shall have a minimum of 1.5" between the bases. They should protrude upward and then turn backward and then turn outward. Polled or disbudded are correct.</p>	<p><b>Head:</b> Roman nose or deeply concave face- Very Serious</p> <p><b>Ears:</b> Erect, drooping to side, too long/short: Moderate to Serious (degree)</p> <p>Incorrect attachment: Very Serious</p> <p><b>Bite:</b> Under bite or Over bite- Serious to Very Serious (degree)</p> <p><b>Horns:</b> Dangerous, unsightly scurs: Moderate</p> <p>Pointed forward: Serious</p> <p>Too close together: Moderate</p>	Total blindness, crooked face, disfiguring Malocclusion, any evidence of permanent teeth.
<b>2. Neck, Chest &amp; Shoulders</b>	15/15	<p><b>Neck:</b> Muscular, blending smoothly into chest and withers.</p> <p><b>Chest:</b> Wide chest floor, prominent brisket.</p> <p><b>Shoulder:</b> Firmly attached shoulder blades, full at point of elbow.</p>	<p><b>Neck:</b> Thin, ewe neck- Serious to Very Serious</p> <p><b>Chest:</b> Narrow- Moderate to Serious</p> <p><b>Shoulder:</b> Poor attachment or loose elbows- Moderate to Very Serious (degree)</p>	

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<b>3. Legs, Pasterns &amp; Feet</b>	10/10	<p><b>Fore legs:</b> Muscular, straight front &amp; side, strong, clean, smooth knees</p> <p><b>Rear legs:</b> Muscular, good angulation, perpendicular line from pin bones through rear of hocks &amp; pasterns, straight from rear, strong bone.</p> <p>Front and Rear Legs set squarely under each corner of the body. Rear feet should track straight behind the front feet. Pasterns should be strong, flexible, short to medium length. Feet should be short, tight toes, pointed forward, set at a 50-60 degree angle.</p>	<p>Crooked legs- Moderate to Serious (degree)</p> <p>Enlarged knees- Moderate to Serious</p> <p>Posty rear legs, cow hocked, narrow base, lack of muscle definition (mature animals)- Serious to Very Serious (degree)</p> <p>Weak pasterns- Serious to Very Serious</p> <p>Poor tracking- Serious to Very Serious</p> <p>Feet: splayed, pointing to side- Moderate to Serious</p>	
<b>4. Barrel, Back, Loin, Rump</b>	15/15	<p><b>Barrel:</b> Ribs long, well sprung, deep, blending smoothly into a strong flank.</p> <p><b>Back:</b> Strong, level, thick, wide, muscular.</p> <p><b>Loin:</b> Long and wide but proportionate, well muscled and thick.</p> <p><b>Rump:</b> Strong, wide, slightly angled from hips to pins. Well defined muscles around the hip and down toward the pins, extending downward into the thigh.</p> <p><b>Tail:</b> Attached straight out of the dock &amp; swings freely.</p>	<p><b>Barrel:</b> narrow, lacks capacity- Serious</p> <p><b>Back:</b> Weak, swayed, roached, short- Moderate to Very Serious</p> <p><b>Loin:</b> Narrow, short, thin, lacking muscle and length- Serious to Very Serious (degree)</p> <p>Severe dip behind withers- Very Serious</p> <p><b>Rump:</b> Excessively steep or level- Serious to Very Serious</p> <p>Lack of muscle- Serious to Very Serious</p> <p><b>Tail:</b> Wry or broken- Moderate to Serious</p>	Hermaphroditism
<b>Health &amp; Condition</b>	10/10	<p>Exhibiting good flesh and muscle.</p> <p>Free of parasites, skin &amp; coat clean. Free of disease, displaying vigor.</p>	<p>Emaciation: Very Serious</p> <p>Over conditioned: Moderate to Very Serious (depending on degree)</p> <p>Parasites evident: Serious to Very Serious</p> <p>Dull coat, dirty coat: Serious to Very Serious (depending on degree)</p>	

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Reproductive Organs		Evidence the wethering process was not commenced in the days leading up to the show, as described below:		No evidence of the wethering process. Scrotum is still present, not swollen or shrunken, not fully healed, has open tissue. Elastrator Band still present on Wethers over 3 months of age.

- a. **Elastrator (Banding) Method-** Wethers 0-3 months of age may be shown with a band as long as there is evidence the band was not placed in the days leading up to a show. Swelling of the scrotum would indicate the blood flow to the scrotum had been stopped and would indicate the band was not freshly applied. Wethers over 3 months of age may not be shown with a band. The scrotum should be completely gone and fully healed with no open tissue.
- b. **Burdizzo (Clamping) Method-** Wethers of any age may be shown as long as visual observation indicates this process did not take place in the days leading up to a show. Swelling and shrinkage of the scrotum would indicate the blood flow to the scrotum had been stopped. Visual observation will also show the crush sites where the Burdizzo instrument was applied and the spermatic cords and associated blood vessels were crushed. The scrotum will shrivel and shrink, and the testies will become hard knots and dry up within 2 weeks from application. A small sac will remain after this process is fully complete.
- c. **Knife (Cutting) Method-** Wethers of any age must be fully healed with no open tissue from this process.

**Total Points      100**

Attention Judges: Please examine each wether (with hands) to verify that there are no testes apparent in their scrotal area, stomach or groin. If such tissue is discovered, that goat will be disqualified. See descriptions above on the wethering methods. Do not inspect teats on wethers because goats do not reproduce.

Any Market Wether competing in MGR Sanctioned Shows must be wethered and evidence of the wethering process as described below must be obvious from visual observation by the judge. Wethers with open tissue who are not fully healed may not be shown. All Platinum Wethers must be registered as a wether. Wethers being shown whose MGR registration certificate still has them registered as a buck are not allowed to be shown until a Registration Correction has been completed.