

Buck Test Rules Revisions

Rule 1000: Ennoblement Program Rules

E. Performance Testing Points

- i. Bucks entered into an ABGA Approved Performance **Gain** Test are required to be ABGA registered as Fullblood or Purebred to receive points.
- ii. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.
- iii. Points will be awarded as shown in the Performance Test Points Chart (Rule 1200).
- iv. See rules governing the ABGA Performance Testing Program (Rule 1200).

Rule 1200: Performance Test Rules and Regulations

A. ABGA Performance Test Requirements

- i. The performance test must be open to buck kids only.
- ii. The test must be conducted under the supervision of a disinterested agency, such as a State Agricultural Institution, State Extension Agency, etc.
- iii. The test must be between 60 and 90 days long.
- iv. Bucks must be less than 6 months old at the start of the test.
- v. The test must be open to all who wish to participate and have qualifying animals.
- vi. Testing procedures and any requested deviations from these requirements must be submitted in writing to the ABGA Board of Directors for approval at least 3 months prior to the start of the test.
- vii. A final Test Report, including the total number of animals on test as well as the total number of ABGA registered animals on test, will be submitted by the test supervision to the ABGA Office within 90 days of the conclusion of the test.
- viii. The final test report must include the following data for each ABGA registered animal on test:
 - a. ABGA registration number.
 - b. Name, as registered with ABGA.
 - c. Tattoos.
 - d. Date of Birth.
 - e. Owner.
 - f. Date weighed and animal weight at the start of the test period.
 - g. Date weighed and animal weight at the end of the test period.
 - h. **Date scanned/measured and animal carcass measurements at the start of the test period.**
 - i. **Date scanned/measured and animal carcass measurements at the end of the test period.**
 - j. Calculated Average Daily Gain (ADG). **used to determine ADG ranking.**
 - k. **Loin eye area.**

- l. Rear leg circumference.
- m. Front leg circumference.
- n. Scrotal circumference.
- o. Final animal index score.
- p. Index calculations to determine ranking based on the following formula:

Performance Index Formula:

$((\text{Growth} \times 45\%) + (\text{Carcass} \times 45\%) + (\text{Fertility} \times 10\%)) \times 100 = \text{Performance Index}$

$\text{Growth} = \left(\frac{(\text{Average Daily Gain} \times 66.66\%)}{(\text{ADG Group Mean})} + \frac{(\text{Weight per Day of Age} \times 33.33\%)}{(\text{WDA Group Mean})} \right) \times 100$

$\text{Carcass} = \left(\frac{(\text{Loin Eye Area Gain} \times 50\%)}{(\text{LEA Group Mean})} + \frac{(\text{Front Leg Circumference Gain} \times 25\%)}{(\text{FLC Group Mean})} + \frac{(\text{Rear Leg Circumference Gain} \times 25\%)}{(\text{RLC Group Mean})} \right) \times 100$

LEA Gain/Leg Gain = End of test measurement - Start of test measurement

Fertility = Scrotal Circumference

ix. It is suggested but not required that when available, the following end of test data also be included in the final test report for each ABGA registered animal on test:

- a. Birth type.
 - b. Rib eye area.
 - c. Loin eye area.
 - d. Rear leg circumference.
 - b. Fat thickness.
 - f. Scrotal circumference.
 - c. Height at withers (Frame Score).
 - d. Feed efficiency.
 - i. Final animal index score.
 - e. Any additional measurements, ultrasounds, performance data, production data, or tests performed by the testing institution that could be beneficial to production, breed improvement, or research.
- x. It is suggested but not required that at least 4 animals by one sire be entered in the same test.

B. Performance Test Support (All performance test support is at the discretion of ABGA)

i. Performance test support will be available only to performance tests approved by ABGA in accordance with Rule 1200.A after January 1, 2014.

ii. ABGA will provide monetary support to the testing agency to be allocated to awards.

iii. ABGA will provide cash payouts for the top performing ABGA registered Fullblood or Purebred bucks entered in ABGA approved performance tests.

C. Ennobled Herd Book Points Ennoblement/Doe of Excellence/Sire of Merit Points

i. Only bucks entered under their ABGA registration number in an approved Performance Test, will be eligible to earn points from a Performance Test. as described in the ABGA Criteria for Ennoblement of a Boer Goat. (See Rule 1000, Ennoblement Program).

ii. Points for approved Performance Tests will be awarded to top performing Fullblood or Purebred bucks based on their Average Daily Gain (ADG) Performance Test Index ranking among the other Fullblood and Purebred registered bucks within the same herdbook classification on test, according to the following charts:

ABGA Performance Test Points										
# ABGA Registered FB/PB Bucks	Performance Index Rank Amongst Registered Fullblood/Purebred Bucks									
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
100 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176+	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

ABGA Performance Test Points										
# ABGA Registered Percentage Bucks	Performance Index Rank Amongst Registered Percentage Bucks									
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
100 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176+	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

iii. Additional points for ABGA approved Performance Tests will be awarded to top performing bucks, based on the buck's individual index score. Average Daily Gain (ADG), using the following schedule: An index score from 100.0 to 104.9 shall be awarded 1 point. One additional point will be awarded for every 5 point increase in index score above 100. An index score of 105.0 to 109.9 shall be awarded 2 points, and so on.

- a. Bucks gaining 0.55 lbs./day to less than 0.60 lbs./day shall be awarded 1 point.
- b. Bucks gaining 0.60 lbs./day to less than 0.65 lbs./day shall be awarded 2 points.
- c. Bucks gaining 0.65 lbs./day to less than 0.70 lbs./day shall be awarded 3 points.
- d. Bucks gaining 0.70 lbs./day to less than 0.75 lbs./day shall be awarded 4 points.
- e. Bucks gaining 0.75 lbs./day to less than 0.80 lbs./day shall be awarded 5 points.

- f. Bucks gaining 0.80 lbs./day or more shall be awarded 6 points, plus an additional 1 point for each additional 0.01 lbs./day over 0.80 lbs./day.
- iv. Example: If a buck is ranked 1st on test with an ADG of 0.92 lbs./day in an approved Performance Test having a total of 20 Fullblood or Purebred bucks on test, he shall be awarded 10 points as allowed in 1200.C.ii, as well as an additional 18 points as allowed in 1200.C.iii, for a total of 28 points.
- iv. Bucks must meet breed standards in order to receive award points.

Rule 1300: Doe of Excellence Award

A. Animal eligibility

vii. Percentage bucks may earn points for their dam through ABGA sanctioned shows (starting 7-14-25) or ABGA approved Performance Gain Tests if the following requirements are met:

a. ABGA sanctioned shows (starting 7-14-25)

b. ABGA approved Performance Gain Tests if the following requirements are met:

a. Progeny must be registered in the ABGA Percentage Herd Book.

b. The Performance Test must be conducted in accordance with ABGA Performance Test Rules and Regulations (Rule 1200).

c. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.

d. Points will be awarded to a Percentage Boer buck according to the following point chart:

Points will be awarded as shown in the Performance Test Points Chart (Rule 1200).

g. Progeny is defined as direct offspring of the Percentage Doe resulting from natural breeding, artificial insemination, or embryo transfer.

Rule 1301: ABGA Sire of Merit Award

B. Eligible Progeny

ii. Percentage bucks may earn points for their sire through an ABGA sanctioned show or ABGA approved Performance Gain Test, if the following requirements are met: (08-14-25)

a. Progeny must have an ABGA Record of Pedigree.

b. The Performance Test must be conducted in accordance with ABGA Performance Test Rules and Regulations (Rule 1200).

c. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.

d. Points will be awarded to a Percentage Boer buck according to the following point chart:

Points will be awarded as shown in the Performance Test Points Chart (Rule 1200).

e. Progeny is defined as direct offspring of the buck produced through natural service, artificial insemination, or embryo transfer procedure.