

BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY BACK-TO-BACK SHOWS

Over the last few years several goat clubs have developed the practice of holding 'back-to-back shows'. One venue and set of penning can be used for two shows held on consecutive days.

The usual procedure was for there to be two milking competitions, one on each day. The drawback to this is that goats entered in both milking competitions may not leave the showground until after the milking has been completed on the second milking of the second milking competition.

The Committee considered this issue and the possibilities of allowing the second day of the showing to end earlier, thus allowing exhibitors to leave a little earlier and have a more comfortable and safer journey home.

The Regulations require that each milking competition must:

- i. be held within 24 hours;
- ii. be based on two milkings, one in the morning and one in the evening;
- iii. have an interval of not less than 10 hours, the second milking being completed not more than 24 hours after the competing animals have been stripped out.

There is, however, no requirement that the first milking take place in the morning. Therefore, on the first show day the morning and evening milkings can be used for competition. For the second show the evening and morning milkings can be used **providing** that the 10 hour minimum interval and 24 hour total times are strictly adhered to.

There is now no need to double sample at the evening milking – please refer to instructions below. The day 2 analyst sheets will, therefore, only contain the day 2 am milk weights. Please include a note to go in the day 2 am samples box to the testing laboratory that there is only one set of samples to test.

An example of how this might work on a back-to-back weekend show is as follows:

1. Friday afternoon, goats arrive and stripped out by 7.00 pm for the first show.
2. Saturday morning, goats milked, and milk weighed and sampled for the first milking competition. Milking to be completed by 9.00 am.
3. Saturday morning, goats stripped out immediately after they have been milked for the second show.
4. Saturday evening, goats milked and milk weighed and sampled for the first milking competition. Milking to be completed by 7.00 pm.
5. Saturday evening, the pm milk weights and samples taken for the first milking competition are used for the second milking competition ie the same pm butterfat and protein result will be used for day 1 and day 2 shows.
6. Sunday morning, goats milked and milk weighed and samples taken for the second milking competition. Milking to be completed by 9.00 am.
7. Sunday afternoon, goats may leave the showground when judging has been completed or at an agricultural show at the time specified by the show society.