

Type Evaluation Program Information

Are you interested in participating in the Canadian Meat Goat Association (CMGA)'s **Type Evaluation Program** this year?

Type evaluation compares a Boer goat to the ideal Canadian Boer Goat, based on several measurable traits such as; size and development, structure (frame), structure (feet and legs), structure (rump), volume and capacity, muscling, breed and sex character, and soundness/reproductive system. Each goat is given a score for each trait and an overall rating. Animals with a high score are closer to the ideal Boer goat and known as "true to type." This score can be a great marketing tool for your herd as well as useful in making breeding or culling decisions.

How is Type Evaluation useful?

Type Evaluation programs can be of assistance to both purebred and commercial breeders. These programs help breeders identify specific strengths and weaknesses of individual animals in their herd, and as a result, can help lead to overall herd and breed improvement. While showing is an important part of exhibiting your herd, type evaluation assists producers in making sound breeding decisions for herd productivity and longevity.

This program is objective with trained evaluators who compares your animal to the ideal Boer goat by using a detailed scorecard and standardized system.

As past years, the program is self-funded by participants registrations. To run in 2023, a minimum of 225 goats on a minimum of 16 farm visits total in ON, QC, SK, and MB would be required to make it cost effective at the costs suggested.

The program is offered for the same fees for NS, NB, and PEI if there are a minimum of 4 farms on the program in those 3 provinces combined and added to the classification list. Also, the program can be offered for the same fees for mainland BC if there are a minimum of 4 farms total on the program in that province and added to the classification list. (These would all be examined on a case-by-case basis depending on distance to travel, etc.).

Please return the form to the CMGA office along with payment made payable to the Canadian Meat Goat Association by **July 27, 2023**. The application will not be considered complete without payment, HST/GST to be included. Late applications are subject to availability. The application is **NOT REFUNDABLE** as you must understand that the fee structure is based on participation from every member who committed his/her participation.

You can read more about the Type Evaluation Program and review the scorecards on the CMGA website <https://www.canadianmeatgoat.com/type-evaluation-program/>.

Note: Type Evaluations are being planned for **fall 2023**. At this time, only English services are available. Registered members will be contacted by the classifier 5 weeks in advance to organize the schedule of visits.

BREEDER INFORMATION

Costs

Site fee: \$295

Fee per animal:

- **First 19 animals:** \$24/animal
- **From 20 to 49 animals:** \$21 / animal
- **50 animals and more:** \$16 / animal

Applicable taxes

- **HST of:**
 - 13% (ON, NT)
 - 14% (EPI)
 - 15% (NB, NE)
 - 14.975% (QC)
- **GST/QST of 14.975% (QC)**
- **GST of 5%** for all other provinces

Conditions

- Payment of site fee AND for estimated number of animals plus applicable taxes is due with application.
- Fees are non-refundable in the case of cancellation by the herd owner.
- Members will be invoiced after classification if the number of animals actually classified exceeds the estimated number of animals for which initial payment was made.
- Payment can be made by cheque or by Etransfer to info@cnadianmeatgoat.com

When evaluating the number of goats you would like to submit to classification, please consider those conditions:

1. All animals being evaluated must be legibly tattooed with a **tattoo that matches EXACTLY** as shown on the registration certificate. It is the herd owner's responsibility to be sure that all tattoos are clearly legible. Any discrepancies will be reported by the evaluator. An animal with a faulty or missing tattoo cannot receive an official evaluation because the tattoo is the positive identification.
2. Both registered Percentage and Purebred animals must conform to Boer Breed Standards. The breeder has the option to have unregistered animals evaluated – the evaluator will mark all of the individual type traits but will not calculate a final score. Fees are the same for all evaluations.
3. Any previously classified animal may be presented for a possible raise in classification.
4. Any **Cull Defects** marked will result in a final score of **"NO SCORE"**, but the evaluator will still mark each of the individual type traits. In the case of a "No Score" result, fees shall NOT be refunded. Breeders are strongly recommended to check animals for cull faults prior to evaluation.
5. **Does must have kidded at least once** in order to be evaluated and must have kidded **within one year** of the evaluation.
6. **Bucks** may be evaluated after **one year of age**.

When preparing for the evaluator's visit, please make sure that everything is ready:

1. The owner may present the animals being evaluated in any order he/she wishes, however animals must be organized and restrained in a holding pen prior to the arrival of the evaluator to expedite the process.
2. The place of evaluation is at the option of the owner, with the following considerations: if outside ensure adequate shade or shelter; if inside must be on a **litter-free floor**. The animal will need to be restrained for taking measurements, checking bites, udders, testicles, feeling muscling & soft fleshing, etc.; and then **must also be observed loose on the move**.
3. All animals to be evaluated must have their **original CMGA registration certificate** on site. The evaluator will not check the certificate until the evaluation is complete.
4. The owner must provide to the evaluator: Birth Date, Kidding Date, Number of kiddings.
5. The evaluator may ask to see previous evaluation report forms.
6. It is not necessary to clip your animals; however, they should be **clean** and have their **feet trimmed**.

For more information about the program, you can download the Type Evaluation Handbook from the CMGA's website at www.canadianmeatgoat.com under the [Services](#) tab.