

HERD CODES

Herd codes are unique codes, 2 to 5 characters long, that identify cashmere goat farms. Herd codes, along with a name or number assigned by the breeder when a goat is born, uniquely identify a goat throughout its life. Even if a goat is sold to another farm, it retains the herd code from its farm of origin. Herd codes are required when a goat is entered in a show or competition and they are required for goats submitted to the Cashmere Goat Database.

Herd codes were assigned and recorded for many years by individuals generously donating their time. Most recently, Mickey Nielsen of Liberty Farm maintained the list. As of November 22, 2017, that task has been assumed by the CGA and NWCA organizations, with the list itself residing within the CGA Cashmere Goat Database and Registry.

On the CGA Cashmere Goat Database site you may display the list of herd codes, search for information on a specific code or farm, add a new herd code, and make changes to your own farm information. CGA is happy to receive your requests for new herd codes, and we will add them to the list. If you wish to get a new herd code, please email Pam Haendle at hermitpond@gmail.com with the following information:

- Proposed herd code
- Farm name
- Farm address
- Farm owner(s)
- Phone numbers – land line and mobile
- Email address for each farm owner
- Farm website