

RAY VIEIRA'S CLOVERTOP HERD - AN HISTORIC HERD NAME

The following information was from a Historic Herd nomination submitted by Kristina Bozzo-Baldenegro and others in September 2013, to ADGA's Awards Committee, which was approved that year by the ADGA BOD.

The Clovertop herd name was assigned by ADGA in 1967. Over at least 50 years of active membership in ADGA, the herd size ranged from 100 to more than 700 adult animals. The Clovertop commercial dairy operation was located in several locations in the Central San Joaquin Valley of California. Clovertop animal's milk was sold commercially in the following communities: Chico, Los Banos, Dos Palos, Healdsburg, Delhi, Stevinson, Turlock, Artois and Corning. The commercial herd was eventually disbursed by 2013, and the animals retired to Corning, California. The herd still consisted of 100 milking does housed in a Grade "A" barn. The breeds included Alpine, La Mancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen and Toggenburg including Experimental

Clovertop animals participated with the best of the best during their heyday of participation at local, regional and National events. A listing of their contemporaries and competitors included Laurelwood Acres, Nixon's, Yar-Vade, Raymar, Longden Acres, La Honda Springs, Rio Linda, Shahena'Ko, Sodium Oaks, Rocking M, K-Lou, Sartyr, and Redwood Hills among others, many of which are ADGA Historic Herd Names.

The Clovertop animals have been active in the performance programs, providing a foundation and data for a number of ADGA Performance Programs. By 2013, there were 1435 animals listed with the Clovertop herd name in the ADGA database. Registration dates ranged from February 14, 1968, through April 20, 2010. Clovertop registered six different breeds, and a handful of Experimental animals. Of the 1435 animals there were 1152 females and only 283 males.

At that time, eight hundred and seven Clovertop animals had either evaluations and/or production records on file. Clovertop had forty-four animals with DNA typing or semen collections on file at the ADGA office and an outstanding 54 animals had earned their SGCH, SG, GCH, and/or CH designation. There were close to 150 different Clovertop animals with official appraisal/classification scores in the ADGA database with scores ranging from 93 to 73.

Clovertop animal's National Show wins included **GCH Clovertop's Snow Angel** and **GCH Clovertop's Roberteena**, who were both selected ADGA Reserve National Champions. **GCH Clovertop's Snapple** and **GCH Clovertop's Delancy** both earned ADGA Premier Sire awards at the ADGA National Show. The herd's buck, **Clovertop's Louie Torres**, sired the 1995 ADGA National Champion.

Clovertop bred and sold two ADGA Spotlight Sale animals:

CLOVERTOP'S MACIZO for \$975

CLOVERTOP'S SNOW DESIGN for \$1700, used by Camp Hill with 91 registered offspring.

By 2013, Clovertop also owned several breed leaders and top 10 does in milk, fat, protein, or all three, including one All-time production leader. The following animals were listed as such in the ADGA database. This was by no means the entire list of Clovertop animals with top ten records.

CLOVERTOP'S AMARYLLIS, SAANEN – BREED LEADER AS A YEARLING, 1974
CLOVERTOP'S AGNES II 1995
CLOVERTOP'S BEENIECOPTER 1993, 1994
CLOVERTOP'S CARDINAL DAYDREAM 1994
CLOVERTOP'S CARDINAL DAYLILLY 1992, 1993
CLOVERTOP'S CHERRY BOMB 1992
CLOVERTOP'S DTS ESTEL 1993, 1994
CLOVERTOP'S HAZELNUT KORIANDER 2000, 2001
CLOVERTOP'S KODED MESSAGE 1995
CLOVERTOP'S LIVE DANCER 1992
CLOVERTOP'S LOLO BALINA 1993, 1995
CLOVERTOP'S MINT MASSINA 1993
CLOVERTOP'S MOLLY MINORCA 1992
CLOVERTOP'S PLANT NIKI 1994
CLOVERTOP'S QUILL 1993, 1994, 1995
CLOVERTOP'S TRI LASSIE 1994

Even by 2013, Clovertop had a number of animals that had an impact on a number of other herds throughout the United States. Below is a sampling of the most recognizable males and females with the Clovertop herd name.

Recognizable and Contributed Foundation Animals to Other Herds

CLOVERTOP'S AMARILLIS		S000191374	1973.03.06	S	F	13	Top 10 Breed Leader as a yearling
CLOVERTOP'S ANGELA	GCH	S000306401	1977.02.23	S	F	8	dam of Snow Angel - Res ADGA National Champion
CLOVERTOP'S BING SENATOR		A000921187	1993.04.15	A	M	20	Used heavily in the Udder Way and Sugar-Run herds
CLOVERTOP'S BLACK LIGHTNING		L000545637	1983.01.01	L	M	42	Used heavily by Patrician and Clovertop
CLOVERTOP'S BLUBEAN		N000801064	1988.03.08	N	M	29	
CLOVERTOP'S DELANCEY		S000569125	1983.03.22	S	M	37	Premier Sire 1988 ADGA National Show owned by Frank Mickey and used by Hy-Crest, sire of 11 SGCH, GCH, and SG does.
CLOVERTOP'S DUKE MATEO	GCH	L000272477	1977.01.30	L	M	26	Used by Kleinigkeit and Springwood
CLOVERTOP'S ECTORSKETCH KALVIN		B001048683	1997.03.17	B	M	27	Used by Ludwigs, Squaw Mountain, Tall Tail's, Vassajara. Sire of SGCH California Calvin Special K
CLOVERTOP'S FIRE FLY		A001115325	1997.04.11	A	F		
CLOVERTOP'S FIRE STARTER		A001083947	1998.03.20	A	M	31	Used heavily in Hoach's and Brandt's
CLOVERTOP'S FIRE STORM	GCH	A001083945	1998.03.20	A	M	45	Used heavily in Olentangy and Jailhaus. Sire of 9 SGCH, GCH, CH, SG offspring
CLOVERTOP'S FORTUNE SORBET		A001063034	1995.02.16	A	F		
CLOVERTOP'S GENE SASHAY	GCH	A000833191	1991.02.25	A	F		
CLOVERTOP'S HAZELNUT KORIANDER	SGCH	B001048678	1997.03.07	B	F		Top Ten milk records
CLOVERTOP'S L DON JUAN		L000774233	1989.04.30	L	M	95	Used heavily by Winterwood -sire of Medicine Man, White Knight
CLOVERTOP'S JOSEPH		N000170271	1970.01.15	N	M	62	Used by Boxelder, Gowdyville's, Laurel Hill, New Era, Noon-Shine, Tamahnous. Sire of 3 GCH offspring
CLOVERTOP'S LAZAR ANGELINA	GCH	S000634605	1983.03.01	S	F	10	
CLOVERTOP'S LAZAR BEAM		S000465274	1981.01.18	S	M	36	Used by Clovertop's and Companeros, sire of 6 GCH, CH offspring, including Companeros Lazar Jaison, Clovertop's Lazar Angelina
CLOVERTOP'S LIEF		S000243300	1976.02.20	S	M	76	Used by Coyoteville's, Gold Country, Motherlode's, Patena's, White Plume and Rio Linda, sire of Coyoteville's Malarky, Rio Linda Erryl L- sire of 111 offspring (Capradale, Aspen Hill's, Milkmaid Farm's
CLOVERTOP'S LIONEL	SG	L000885599	1992.03.07	L	M	95	Sire of 18 SGCH, GCH, SG, CH. Used by Worthy-Master, Dreamhaven, Land of Pure Delight and Rockspring)
CLOVERTOP'S LOBOWULF		L000867191	1991.02.23	L	M	12	Sire of Lionel, Mistletoe, Lyle Luvit, and Spirit Wolf Wolf sired 54 offspring, used heavily by Winterwood -sire of SGCH Bearcat
CLOVERTOP'S LOLO RODRIGUEZ		L000688481	1986.03.13	L	M	26	Sire of Don Juan
CLOVERTOP'S LOT		S000239291	1976.02.20	S	M	69	Sire of Plot, Yarrow Hill Sir Lancelot and Tahiti, Companeros Lots of Style, used by Yarrow Hill, Companeros, and Ming Tree
CLOVERTOP'S LOUIE TORRES		L000800356	1990.03.21	L	M	83	Owned by Lucky*Star Farm & sired (8 SG & 4 GCH offspring) including the 1995 ADGA National Champion & made significant contributions to their herd, known for Top Ten performance now for decades...(LOUIE was sold to George Reddic of Oak Knowl Dairy in New England).
CLOVERTOP'S LUCIA	GCH	S000191376	1973.03.10	S	F	7	Dam of Lazar Beam
CLOVERTOP'S MANEJO	GCH	L180004026	1975.03.04	L	M	85	Used by Coastside, Mesquite, Lucky K's, Secret Ravine, Somethin' Special, Rocky Run and Starsong's)

CLOVERTOP'S MARMADUKE	GCH	L180001853	1972.03.20	L	M	81	Used by Clearly Now, Frederic's and Meadow Garden and It Is)
CLOVERTOP'S MINT LUVIE	GCH	L000811367	1990.03.21	L	F	7	dam of 2 SG does
CLOVERTOP'S MINTOR		L000757431	1987.03.10	L	M	38	Sire of Mint Luvie and Louie Torres
CLOVERTOP'S MISTLETOE	GCH	L000963108	1994.03.04	L	M	28	Used heavily by Altrece
CLOVERTOP'S NIGHTNGALE	GCH	N000460595	1978.03.01	N	F	9	Foundation of the C/F Farm Nubian "N" line, dam of C/F Nadine (dam of 3 GCH offspring), Natalie
CLOVERTOP'S PERFECTIONIST	SG	L001536051	2010.04.20	L	F		
CLOVERTOP'S PLOT		S000606820	1983.04.01	S	M	86	Premier Sire ADGA National Show, 5 GCH, CH offspring; also used in the TIM-TAM and Rio Del Oro Herds
CLOVERTOP'S POLY PUREBRED	GCH	S000711957	1986.01.03	S	F		
CLOVERTOP'S ROBERTEENA	GCH	L000677408	1985.12.15	L	F		ADGA Reserve National Champion, dam of Rob Roy- used heavily by Coastside
CLOVERTOP'S SIR HATCH		B000955691	1994.04.17	B	M	53	Used by FDF Pleasant-Fields, sire of 3 GCH, CH offspring
CLOVERTOP'S SNAPPLE	GCH	A001140795	1999.03.05	A	M	86	Premier Sire ADGA National Show, used heavily by Sweet Dreams
CLOVERTOP'S SNODEPOSIT		S000678260	1986.03.21	S	M	81	Used by Deer-Meadows, Gopher Ridge, Milkmaster, Running Creek, Sherry's and Springfield Oaks
CLOVERTOP'S SNOW ANGEL	GCH	S000379875	1979.04.30	S	F	12	ADGA Reserve National Champion, dam of 12, including Snow Plow and Snow Deposit
CLOVERTOP'S SNOW DESIGN		S000712271	1987.03.09	S	M	91	Spotlight Sale buck, purchased and used heavily by Camp Hill
CLOVERTOP'S SNOW PLOW		S000677693	1985.03.15	S	M	62	Used heavily by Hy-Crest, Singing Spruce, Horizon. Sire of 5 SGCH, GCH offspring
CLOVERTOP'S WITCH HAZEL		B000987308	1993.07.20	B	F		

Even in 2013, the Clovertop herd had Superior Genetics animals, including SG and SGCH animals. There were also star bucks, ++bucks, *++ bucks and star or AR does in the current ADGA Data Base. However, that database did not list a large number of records for the Clovertop herd. Sheila Nixon stated, "In 1977, ADGA was undergoing computerization and a decision was made to include only animals 10 years old or less or that current action on them in our database. We neither had the time nor money to go all the way back to 1904 with our data." The 2013 nomination form thus stated, The Clovertop Herd is one of those herds with much of their documentation occurring prior to 1977 and thus exists on those "famous white index cards" that are at the National Agriculture Library."

The nomination form had an attached Excel workbook with ten pages. The pages included the master list of animals from the ADGA database, the recognizable/influential names, the SGCH/SG/GCH/CH animals, the Top Ten animals, animals with type of production records in the database, animals with collections/DNA on file, and four tabs with appraisal/classification data.

As nominator, Kristi Bozzo-Baldenegro stated, "We have tried to pick out the animals that have had a significant impact on dairy goat herds throughout the United States. We have most certainly missed a few. Clovertop, as you can see from the list of influential animals, has impacted not one, not two, but multiple breeds in ADGA and we feel they deserve the recognition and designation as Historic for their contributions across the board to the ADGA..."