

# Alpine Feature

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Sheriff gave us our first champions. We still have three of these daughters, we call them our Space Girls. They are all GCH and have produced some beautiful offspring for us. Angel Prairie Dutch Paris was actually our first doe and was picked out of a pen of 20 kids by our son when he was seven. Her cross with Willow Run Abraham Wonder gave us a daughter who not only milked like crazy but has given us many daughters and granddaughters that are truly amazing.

*What lines are you currently working with?*

HA: Currently we are working to reintroduce the Ember influence into our herd. Bria was the best doe we had and we are working to keep that influence in our herd. Currently we are crossing the Lyris line where we have seen power and strength with the style and general appearance of Bria offspring.

WF: We are still using many of the same lines we started with. This includes offspring whose pedigrees include Willow Run, Sanstorm and Angel Prairie genetics. A new addition to our herd this year is Pearl Valley PGS Quiet Riot, an interesting mix of Pleasant Grove and Willow Run genet-



**Windrush Farms Blizzard Mimi -  
First place yearling milker, 2012 National Show**



**SGCH Harmody ES Con Bria -  
2011 National Grand Champion**

ics. We had used him extensively this fall and are really happy with the first kids we have seen. He is a proven buck who has done great things in Patricia Duggar's Sand Dance herd.

*How are they complementing each other?*

HA: The number of doe kids out of this cross has been limited, so we have not had the chance to observe as many different offspring as would like. However, the doe kids that we have had are what we are look-

ing for, and we are anxiously waiting their first freshening.

WF: Line breeding on our foundation animals is working well for us. Using Blizzard back on our Sheriff daughters has produced some really nice animals including Windrush Farms Blizzard Mimi who was first place yearling milker with first udder at the 2012 National. We knew that the combination of Cinnamon and Sheriff worked so well that her son should also work great on our Sheriff daughters.

*What is your strongest herd characteristic and it's weakest? How did you achieve these and how are you correcting this?*

HA: Our strongest herd characteristic lays in general appearance. Our does are tall and level. They walk on strong feet and legs that have held up for multiple freshenings. Our first few goats were not very strong in general appearance so we made a conscious effort to improve those traits. As we would select bucks and does,

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