

Goats

Animal Health

Johne's Disease

Jun 07 That the Association's GIC work with the NSW DPI to finalise the NSW Goat Health Statement by
– developing a kid rearing plan
– having the GHS approved as a legal, sufficient travel document which satisfies NSW Stock Diseases legislation and NSW NLIS legislation

Mar 03 All zones within and between SA, Vic, NSW and Queensland removed (with the exception of Queensland's extra requirement applying to dairy goats).

B. Owners of "at-risk" herds (including those running with OJD-infected sheep or neighbouring sheep properties in the Management Area) encouraged to vaccinate.

C. Immediate producer education program aimed at identifying (i.e. ranking) relative risk.

D. Animal Health Statements for all non-slaughter goat transactions, nationally.

E. Voluntary (buyer-demanded)"check test 50" promoted by the goat industry as a basis for all non-slaughter trades.

F. "Check test 50"to either be by annual ELISA or PFC (2 x 25), at the owner's discretion.

G. Current GoatMAP accredited herds able to indefinitely maintain status by an annual 50 head check test.

Aug 03 Given that:

(a) the prevalence of JD in goats in NSW is low;

(b) the prevalence of JD in goats in NSW does not appear to be correlated with the prevalence in other susceptible species (OJD/BJD zones);

(c) the incidence of JD in goats is related to specific on-farm environmental or management practices:

(i) the Goat Industry supports goat movements be subject to BJD zones as an interim measure, until a permanent solution based on researched, technically sound, and biosecure principles is agreed;

(ii) policy for Johne's disease in goats is to be developed in conjunction with the goat industry through consultation between NSW Agriculture's QA program; State Council's Animal Health Committee; NSW Farmers' Association's Goat Industry Committee; VetComm; and the National Johne's Disease Coordinator for Animal Health Australia.

Jun 07 That once the Pool Faecal Culture test is approved by Sub-Committee on Animal Health Laboratory Standards ('SCAHLs') for use on goats, the Association's GIC seek unrestricted access to Gudair vaccine for any goat producer.

Jun 07 That the Association's GIC investigate how live export protocols for goats might be changed to enable goats vaccinated with Gudair vaccine to be eligible

Jun 07

a) That Association's GIC lobby GICA to write to the Victorian OJD Compensation Advisory Committee to request the immediate cessation of the Victorian Government's 12cents/head stamp duty on goats sold and/or slaughtered in Victoria.

b) That the Association's GIC pursue this issue on its own, if the GICA is unwilling to act on it immediately.

c) That if the Victorian OJD Compensation Advisory Committee is unwilling or unable to waive the stamp duty on goats, the Association's GIC request that NSW goat producers have the same rebate rights as interstate sheep producers have had since 2005.

Goat Industry

Board selection and Committee Structure

Oct 06 That the Goat Industry Committee supports its current structure and remains 'status quo'.

Aug 05 That the GIC does not support the full membership of Breed Societies on GICA.

Chemicals

Jun 07 That the Association's GIC actively campaign for common sheep husbandry chemicals to be approved for use on goats.

Functions

Jun 07 That the Association's GIC reinstate its policy of regular consultation with and reporting to members, including reporting the outcomes of GIC and GICA meetings.

Jun 07 That the Association's Goat members are informed of the motions that have been submitted for debate at the conference prior to the day.

Mar 08 That the Goat Industry Committee produces a newsletter with the Terms of Trade attached and seeks that if the processor makes changes they notify the Association. Attach the Terms of Trade on the website and make

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the necessary changes when needed.

Rangeland Goats

Sep 03 The Goat Committee considers that goats outside agricultural boundaries should be handled using the following options:

- (a) Goats to be mustered from difficult terrain using competent stockpersons and dogs with the potential to sell the animals;
- (b) Goats to be trapped, utilising their predictable movement patterns, using salt blocks, feeding stations and one-way flow in portable yards. Trapped goats may be shot with an assurance of a one hundred percent kill;
- (c) Remnant goats to be tracked using Judas Goats and shot by accredited shooters;
- (d) Goats should not be aurally shot, except as a last resort in an exotic disease outbreak, as the GIC believes that;
 - (i) no guarantee can be given that wounded goats will not survive for long periods of time,
 - (ii) native fauna may be traumatised and displaced, and
 - (iii) the financial cost cannot be justified.

Livestock Marketing

Livestock Traceability

Jul 07 That the Committee rescinds the GT3 April 06 Health Statements motion due to the contradictory policies.

Dec 03 Given registered chemical market failure in the goat industry, the GIC supports the pursuit of off-label chemical permits for the purpose of progressing uptake of NVD/TSS and addressing issues created by Livestock Production Assurance scheme audits.

Feb 04 The GIC does not support the mandatory implementation of NLIS due to the cost of practical implementation and undemonstrated benefits.

Feb 04 The GIC supports change to the NVD/TSS that would allow more positive statements to be made regarding the low residue risk of mustered goats from rangelands such as the Western Division (NSW).

Jan 05 That the GIC supports the listing of goats as a 'major food producing' species under the Stock Medicines Regulation in the expectation that DPI provides assistance with obtaining MRL and OLPs with commonly used chemicals.

Jan 05 That the GIC pursue change of wording on Q3 on NVD/LPA to reflect peculiarities of chemical usage in the goat industry, wording to be decided, with approach to processors, MLA and LPA Standards Committee.

Nov 05 That the NSW GIC request;

- Implementation of NLIS among farmed goats on 1 January 2006 with exemptions for movements direct to slaughter or via a depot
- Exemption for all rangeland goats which are all goats in the Western Division, with mandatory use of NVD/TSS to provide traceability,
- that a review be completed that measures the performance of various NLIS options against the National Performance Standards, as has occurred in the sheep industry, prior to any requirements to alter the agreed exemptions,
- that scheduled system monitoring and review takes place in 2007-08 for sheep and goats, and
- that the system always be referred to as NLIS (Sheep & Goats).

Apr 06 It was resolved to partake in the NLIS (Sheep & Goats) System review so as to heed the national political advice not to attract undue attention to exemptions in the Western Division, at the risk of losing them, but;

- promote the uptake of NVDs in WD as a matter of urgency so as to improve leverage in the argument for continued use of NVDs as a traceable identification system in WD,
- devise some particular points to accompany the system review TOR that detail the differences between the goat industry, esp rangelands industry, and sheep industry that require study in the system review, submit to GICA seeking approval and support at national NLIS IC, and CC to DPI

Apr 06 The Goat Committee resolves to recommend that GICA support the construction of a new combined traceability/health statement form that encompasses;

- TSS (waybill requirements)
- Vendor Declaration (stock history and chemical use)
- Health Statement (for disease biosecurity) and in doing so, remedy;
- duplication of paperwork
- issue of potential prosecution through statement of chemical use on NVD/LPA
- unresolved policy on JD zoning and credit based trading

Livestock Traceability

Oct 06 That the Association lobby the appropriate government and industry bodies for the immediate introduction and compulsory use of the Vendor Declaration for the sale of all goats whether they are Domestic or Rangeland with no exemptions.

Mar 08 That the goat industry committee supports the idea of mandatory PICs in principle

Jun 07 That the Association's GIC continue to;

a) support the exemption of NLIS tagging of goats in the Western Division and

b) investigate whether movement documents can be lodged on a central database as an alternative to tagging.

Statutory Body

Industry Levies

Jun 07 That the Association's GIC lobby GICA and MLA to implement a minimum value of \$5/head before goat transactions are liable for the 37.7 cent transaction levy.