

NLIS requirements for goats

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YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

NLIS is Australia's system for the identification and tracing of goats for biosecurity, food safety, product integrity and market access purposes.

Throughout Australia, producers are required to know where the goats under their management have come from and where they are going.

This means:

- All managed goats must be identified with an NLIS ear tag before leaving their property – be they destined for a saleyard, abattoir, sale over-the-hooks (OTH) or another property with a different Property Identification Code (PIC).
- All transported goats, not just managed goats, must be accompanied by accurate and fully completed movement documents, generally a National Vendor Declaration (NVD).

There are some state-based exemptions or additional requirements for dairy goats and unmanaged (feral or rangeland) goats.

ADDITIONAL NSW REQUIREMENTS

Harvested feral or rangeland goats

Harvested feral or rangeland goats do not have to be tagged in NSW if they are being moved from the property of capture to an abattoir for slaughter either directly or via a depot **provided**:

- They have been captured from the wild;
- They have not been born as a result of a managed breeding program; and
- They have not been subjected to any animal husbandry procedure or treatment.

Feral or rangeland goats must have a pink NLIS

post-breeder tag for the property of capture if they are to be moved from that property to any other property (other than a depot) or to a saleyard for sale, including sale for slaughter.

Dairy goats

Due to the high incidence of infection associated with tagging dairy goats, the following dairy goat breeds are exempt from ear tagging within NSW:

- Saanen
- British Alpine
- Toggenburg
- Anglo Nubian
- Australian Melaan
- Australian Brown

Dairy goats must be tagged if moving directly or via a saleyard to an abattoir for slaughter.

Show goats

Any goat moved for show purposes requires an NLIS ear tag and appropriate travelling documentation must be completed.

Property to property movements

Goats moving directly to a property with a different PIC do not have to have an NLIS tag provided they are returned to the original property within two days or are grazed continuously between the properties.

Interstate movements

If you are sending goats out of NSW, you must comply with the national, NSW and destination state's requirements for NLIS and livestock movement documentation. For a list of state contacts visit: www.mla.com.au/NLISforGoats

Remember your movement documents

All goat movements require appropriate movement documentation such as a fully completed NVD.

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