

NLIS requirements for goats

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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 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).

These requirements apply to all producers regardless of the number of goats in their care.

ADDITIONAL WA REQUIREMENTS

NLIS ear tags

WA ear tags must be imprinted with the owner's registered brand (other states print the PIC on them).

Captured unmanaged goats in pastoral areas

Captured, unmanaged goats in pastoral areas must be correctly identified with NLIS ear tags when moved unless they have been granted an exemption. These goats are exempt from NLIS tagging when:

- moved from the pastoral area to an approved depot in the pastoral area that is within 200km of where the goats were captured; or
- moving to an abattoir for immediate slaughter.

Goats in agricultural areas

Goats in agricultural areas of WA must be identified with an NLIS ear tag on their property of birth before weaning, six months of age or being removed from the property, whichever occurs first.

Purchased agricultural goats require a new pink NLIS post-breeder tag. The pink NLIS post-breeder tag must be applied by the new owner before the goats are sold and/or moved on.

Dairy goats

Dairy goats may receive an exemption under the following conditions:

- The owners must be members of the Dairy Goat Society of Australia Ltd.
- The buyer must have a registered brand and must register the transfer of ownership with the Dairy Goat Society of Australia Ltd.

Show goats

All goats entering an agricultural show or similar must be identified with their registered stud society identification or earmarked and have a registered brand imprinted on an approved NLIS ear tag.

Interstate movements

If you are sending goats out of WA, you must comply with the national, WA and destination state's requirements for NLIS and livestock movement documentation.

Remember your movement documents

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

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