

TITLE: NLIS (Sheep and Goats) changes voluntary in Victoria

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The introduction of mob-based movement recording of goats on the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database is occurring progressively from 1 July 2010 on a state-by-state basis.

This has not yet been implemented in Victoria at this time, although Victorian producers may participate in mob-based movement recording on a voluntary basis.

Mob-based movement recording is the next step in reinforcing the important role that NLIS for goats plays in the identification and tracing of livestock for biosecurity, food safety, product integrity and market access purposes.

Under NLIS (Sheep and Goats) producers are already required to know where the goats under their management have come from and where they are going when they leave their property.

This involves:

- Approved NLIS ear tags for goats to show where they have come from; and
- accurate transportation documentation, generally a Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration and Waybill (LPA NVD/Waybill), to show where they are going.

This system is now being reinforced through the centralised recording of movement information on the NLIS database. Mob-based movement recording requires the movement of all goats from one property to another with a different Property Identification Code (PIC) to be recorded on the NLIS database.

Victorian producers wanting to voluntarily record mob-based movements need to access their existing NLIS database account or establish an account via the internet. These accounts can be set up for each PIC, are free and are the same as those used for cattle – www.nlis.mla.com.au

The following information is then recorded:

- The PIC the goats came from
- The PIC the goats were moved to
- The date of the movement
- The number of livestock
- The LPA NVD/Waybill number
- PICs from original ear tags for any non-vendor bred goats

Goats do not have to be individually scanned as is the case for cattle.

IF IN DOUBT FIND OUT

Producers should contact the Victorian Department of Primary Industries for further details, phone 1800 678 779 or visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/nlis.

Producers can also download an information sheet for their state from www.mla.com.au/NLISSheepAndGoats.