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VARROA MITE FOUND IN HUNTER BEE HIVES

Some movement of bee hives is now allowed following completion of an emergency permit issued under the Act. See page 8

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

MOHAIR AUSTRALIA—AGM

There are big changes anticipated for Mohair Australia Ltd which includes many changes to the Constitution as we know it.

One of the many proposed changes will be the closing of Regions, which includes the Hunter Region.

We will know more about our future after the Annual General Meeting to be held in Narrandera on Friday 25th November.

AMMO Sale

The next sale of mohair at Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation will be held on the 14th October. The closing date for the B2022 season was the 5th August.

If you have mohair to send from the Hunter Region to AMMO please contact Sandie Smith on 4938 7536 or email to inwood-s@bigpond.net.au.



MOHAIR CLASSING and PREPARATION

Classing Standards

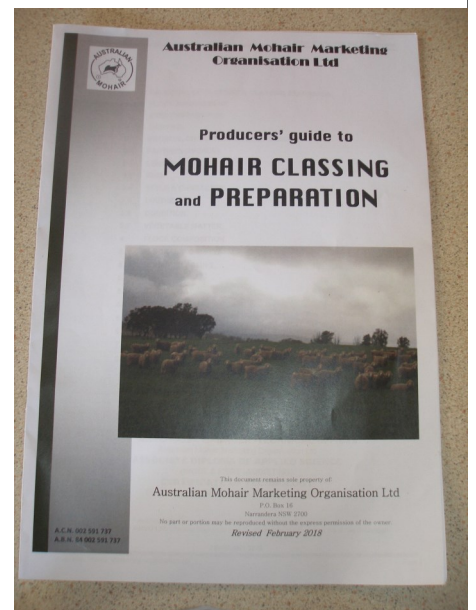
Please note changes have been made to:

- Page 5 Skirting description of FCOT is now FSCOT
- Page 12 Cots description of FCOT is now FSCOT
- Page 14 Out sorts description of FCOT is now FSCOT

A copy of the Standards can be downloaded from AMMO website

<http://ausmohair.com.au/mohair-preperation/mohair-classing/>

or AMMO can send you out a copy and a length card to use in the shed when you're classing.



Mohair Australia Website
Head Office email:

www.mohair.com.au
mohair@mohair.org.au

Presidents Report

Presidents Annual Report

This last 12 months will have brought about many changes to our lives.

Our region lost one of its long-standing members with the passing of Bill Smith in February of this year.

The rain has been a constant reminder that the weather cannot be controlled by man and what happens is going to happen. The floods on the east coast have been devastating on so many levels for the people, the animals, the loss of feed, the loss of homes and the roads – wow the roads are like mine fields in some places.

Covid 19 is still active across the country and the Flu virus has increased with the cold winter now that everybody is out and about.

The Hunter Region members have continued to meet when possible, keeping in touch with what is happening with Mohair Australia and the NSW Division.

I wish everyone all the best as we continue through the months ahead.

Jennifer Readford

President

Region Christmas Party

An invitation is extended to join us for our Christmas Party on Thursday 1st December.

This will be held at Inwood Angora Stud, 200 Lindsay Road, North Rothbury.

All welcome to attend.

RSVP to Sandie Smith 02 4938 7536

[Foot and Mouth Disease has been detected in Indonesia. See page 9](#)

Reporting animal biosecurity emergencies

Some animal pests and diseases, or residues in animal products or stock feed can have serious consequences for trade, production or human health. By remaining vigilant and acting quickly if you suspect a significant animal pest, disease, or residue you may be able to prevent these consequences. Don't delay! Contact Local Land Services or ring the 24 hour hotline: **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline (24 hours) on [1800 675 888](tel:1800675888)**.

[Prohibited matter animal pests and diseases](#)

[Chemical residues of animals or animal products](#)

If you have a particular query or comment, please email the NSW DPI's Biosecurity Branch on **animal.biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au**

What is animal biosecurity?

Animal biosecurity is all about protecting the economy, human health and the environment from problems associated with pests and diseases of animals and residues in animal products.

NSW DPI and Local Land Services are partners in the delivery of animal biosecurity. They work with animal owners, animal industries, communities and other stakeholders to keep NSW animals and animal products healthy and safe.

[NSW Animal Biosecurity and Welfare Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)

The [NSW Animal Biosecurity and Welfare Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#) guides priority activities to safeguard the NSW economy, environment and community from diseases and pests that affect animals, as well as improve animal welfare outcomes.

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For more information

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WEAVING TYPE MOHAIR

Mohair producers are now able to have their angora goats assessed for inclusion in a special line of weaving quality mohair.

This mohair will be handled through AMMO.

More information is available from AMMO or by contacting

G T Ferreira on fgtaus@bigpond.com

Biggest Mohair Cheque to Date for the Gorrie's at Spring Range

As our own farm enterprise has turned up the production, I decided to join the board of AMMO. Since joining the board it has given me more insight into the operations and how critically low the total Australian mohair volumes are.

I have enjoyed attending the sales and getting more involved with the staff (Craig, Michelle) and the other board members. I would like to congratulate AMMO for embracing Responsible Mohair Standard (RMS), which required the development of an internal process to ensure traceability, and then offering these lines separately at the last sale. In all the years we have been selling mohair we had our biggest payment to date from the last sale which was over \$40,000.00 net (cost of sales taken out). Total volume and RMS were a factor. Another important point for us was the speed at which we received payment. The AMMO Mohair Sale was held on the 22 April 2022, and we were paid in full on the 25 May 2022.

All RMS bales on offer included a list of the contents, their source producer and the weight contributed by each producer. What made it even more satisfying for me was that I had sheared all the animals myself!!!

It was a ripper of a sale. Although I remind myself that really good mohair is not easy to produce, and we need to receive good prices to continue our efforts to improve. This sale has proved that this is possible

I also think we have a real job at hand in lifting production and developing existing and (please) some new commercial growers in Australia. Angoras do require a bit more care and they are also susceptible to intestinal worm infection. Not dissimilar to sheep under the current weather conditions. The recent weather has forced us all to lift our game in better management of animal health related to intestinal worms. The current commercial returns make that journey worthwhile

I recently attended an AWI Webinar on Barbers Pole Worm (BPW) from Sheep Connect NSW because merino breeders are also being having problems in the area. "Following the drought, barber's pole worm (PBW) has come out swinging on many properties, and the recent wet and warm conditions have let to a longer than usual BPW season, catching some woolgrowers out. This hasn't been helped by drought, restocking and trading which has seen sheep moving into different regions brining drench resistant worms in new areas." Speakers included Dr Brown Besier, Dr Matt Playford and Ben Foster.

Nick Gorrie



Photos taken at the AMMO shed before the A2022 sale—as printed in the AMMO E-news A2022

VARROA MITES FOUND IN BEEHIVE

As reported in the media, the Varroa mite was found in Newcastle NSW and have affected many local beekeepers.

This press release was put out in July:

Beekeepers in New South Wales will soon be able to move their hives for pollination services and honey production under a new plan announced by Agriculture Minister Dugald Saunders.

Key points:

From Wednesday, hives outside of varroa mite biosecurity zones will be able to be moved with a permit

The change is to allow pollination services and boost honey production Australian Honey Bee Industry Council chief executive Danny LeFeuvre says it gives business continuity to the honey bee industry while minimising the risk of spreading varroa mite

From next week, commercial beekeepers can apply for movement permits as long as they are outside of a varroa mite biosecurity zone.

It comes after the deadly parasite was [discovered in sentinel hives](#) in the Port of Newcastle last month, which triggered a stop movement order on all honey bee hives across the state.

Mr Saunders said the change would allow the pollination season to start.

"We know varroa mite is the biggest threat to honey bees worldwide," he said.

"And while we remain focused on eradication, we also recognise the need to ensure business continuity for the state's \$20.9 billion primary industries sector."

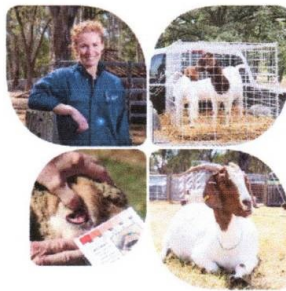
Biosecurity zones are in place in New South Wales, in the Hunter Valley, Mid North Coast, Central Coast and Narrabri, where beehives have been destroyed.

The kill order covers commercial and backyard operators.



Browser's Bulletin in the

Hunter



May 2022

Browser's Bulletin 68:

FMD Outbreak in Indonesia

I have previously written Browser's Bulletin 11 and 14 about Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). Please feel free to have a read at the following link <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/hunter/newsletters> for more information on clinical signs and economic impacts that would occur in Australia with a FMD outbreak.

FMD is a highly contagious virus that affects cloven-hoofed animals including cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and alpacas. Clinical signs of FMD include high fever, excessive salivation, loss of appetite, blisters, ulceration and sores in the mouth, on the tongue, nose, udder, between the toes and coronary band which leads to severe lameness, decrease in milk production and dramatic loss in condition. As described in BB11, the lesions in sheep and goats are much more subtle and commonly go unnoticed leading to an increase in spread of disease. The FMD virus can survive in meat products, milk products and hide from infected animals, as well as in manure and contaminated soil from infected farms.

An article from the 6/5/22 reported 1247 cattle across 4 regencies of Java to have clinical signs of FMD virus. This disease outbreak has also coincided with the Lebaran holiday and the end of Ramadan, where there are large movements of people and livestock, increasing the potential spread of disease. The most likely source of infection is believed to be illegal importation of live animals.



Indonesia is our nearest neighbour, and a popular tourist destination for Australians. This presents a potential pathway of transmission of FMD virus, as people who visit farms in Indonesia might carry contaminated manure or soil back to Australia on their shoes. Additionally, meat and milk products or hide/leather from Indonesia or other FMD-affected countries carried into Australia by travelers or sent into Australia by post could introduce FMD or other emergency animal diseases. If these

meat or milk products are then fed to pigs (called 'swill feeding'), we would suffer an outbreak of FMD which could easily spread to other livestock species. Other sources of entry into Australia include illegal importation of meats, cruise ships, illegal fishing boats dumping products and garbage, improperly treated animal skins and organic material (eg soils from FMD infected countries). FMD can even survive in the respiratory tract of humans for 24 hours.

If you suspect FMD in your livestock, call the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888**. You will not get in trouble for reporting a suspect case that comes back as negative, we hope that it does come back as negative and that it is a false alarm. That is the best-case scenario, and we appreciate that you are aware of the symptoms of FMD. Ensure that you are aware of your NLIS obligations and all travel and selling documents are correctly completed.

If you have other questions and concerns about FMD, please send me an email on kylie.greentree@lls.nsw.gov.au or call on 0428498687.

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Browser's Bulletin 70 for July, 2022 has more updates and information on FMD

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

2022

November 25 Mohair Australia Ltd—Annual General Meeting to be held in .
Narrandera

December 1 Region Christmas BBQ to be held at “Inwood”, Lindsay Road
North Rothbury. Enquiries to Sandie Smith 02 4938 7536

2023

March ? NATS (National Angora Trophy and Sale)
Enquiries to Nick Gorrie on 0409 129 123

Important Information

Life-threatening emergencies can cause physical injury or death to you or others. These includes floods, fires and other hazards. In these situations call ‘Triple Zero’ (000) to contact the nearest emergency services.

- **Police incidents that are not emergencies** may include minor car accidents where no-one is hurt, minor thefts or other crimes. In these situations call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.
- **For help during a flood, storm or tsunami** call the NSW State Emergency Service on 132 500.
- **For help during a bushfire** contact the NSW Rural Fire Service on 1800 679 737
- **Domestic Violence** is any behaviour in a family or intimate relationship which is violent, threatening or controlling. If you or someone you know is experiencing Domestic Violence, call 1800 Respect (1800 737 732) or the NSW Domestic Violence Line on 1800 656 463.
- If you or someone you know is suffering from **depression**, call Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636
- If you or someone you know is **considering self-harm**, call Lifeline on 13 11 14.
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National Annual General Meeting

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