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First held in 1823, the Sydney Royal Easter Show, commonly shortened to The Easter Show or The Show, is an annual show held in Sydney, Australia over two weeks around the Easter period.

The Sydney Showground is a purpose-built venue used each year for the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Located at Sydney Olympic Park in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, it was opened in 1998, as a venue for the 2000 Summer Olympics and to replace the former Sydney Showground at Moore Park.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**HUNTER REGION NEWS INCREASE**

Due to increased printing and postage costs it has been decided to increase the subscription price from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per annum. We are still producing 4 copies per year for this subscription. Details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

This has not increased for the past 10 plus years and we would like to keep it going as long as possible.

AMMO Sale

The next sale of mohair at AMMO (Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation) is yet to be decided.

If you have mohair to send from the Hunter Region to AMMO please contact Sandie Smith on 4938 7536 or email to smsmith1943@bigpond.com.

Angora Goat Shows

As NATS (National Angora Trophy Show and Sale) will not be held in 2023, I have decided that more information on the Sydney Royal Easter Show may be of extra interest to breeders and growers of mohair. Times for goats are on Page 10.

More information and show results are also available on the Eastern Region NSW facebook page—eastern region mohair Australia.

If you have a local show and would like us to add it to our calendar please contact our editor.

MOHAIR CLASSING and PREPARATION**Classing Standards**

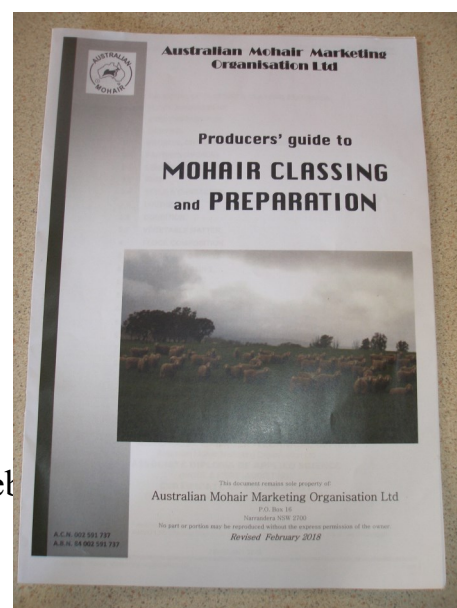
Please note changes have been made to:

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A copy of the Standards can be downloaded from AMMO web

<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.



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Presidents Report

This year there will not be a NATS at Goulburn, which is very disappointing for those who attend and show animals, but the NSW Division is discussing the NATS being run in 2024. Let's hope it can be achieved.

The Sydney Royal Show Angora Section will be happening this year and the 'Angora Hut' is also going to be open for business, so if you are going to the Show, please try to check out the 'Hut'.

This season has been one of hot humid days followed by storms. It is this weather that brings on the prevalence of Barber's Pole worm.

I have been using the FAMACHA guide and checking eye and gum colour to try to keep on top of the problem.

I hope all breeders in our coastal area is keeping a regular check on their stock.

Smile and enjoy each day

Jenny Readford



NSW DIVISION UPDATE

As you may be aware, the proposed changes to the structure of Mohair have not been supported at the AGM.

This means that the Divisions and Regions remain as we know it.

I am the acting President of the Division following Reg's resignation. Jennifer Readford is Secretary and Sue Bell is Treasurer. Committee members are Mandy Statham, Doug Stapleton, Paul Readford and Nick Gorrie, I would like to thank Nick for his efforts over the last several years in organising NATS. He is not prepared to continue in this role. Due to the time frame and the need to get things printed and distributed I have decided that NATS will not happen in 2023.

The Sydney Royal is scheduled for 6th to 17th April with the Angoras in from 10th to 12th April. Eastern Region is planning to have the Mohair hut running for the length of the Show. Please note that entries are due by 15th February. While I can understand your reluctance to attend the Royal, I hope you will consider exhibiting.

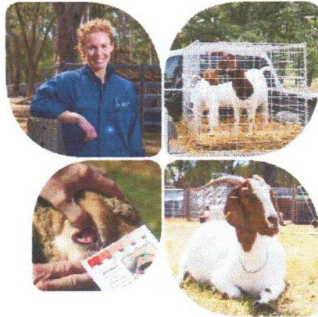
I am proposing to have a Division Meeting 11th February. Presumably by Zoom. I am open to suggestions. The business will be the role of NSW Division in light of any changes.

Regards,

Phillip Oliver

Browser's Bulletin in the

Hunter



January 2023

Browser's Bulletin 76:

Lifestyle Blocks and the Importance of Preventative Strategies

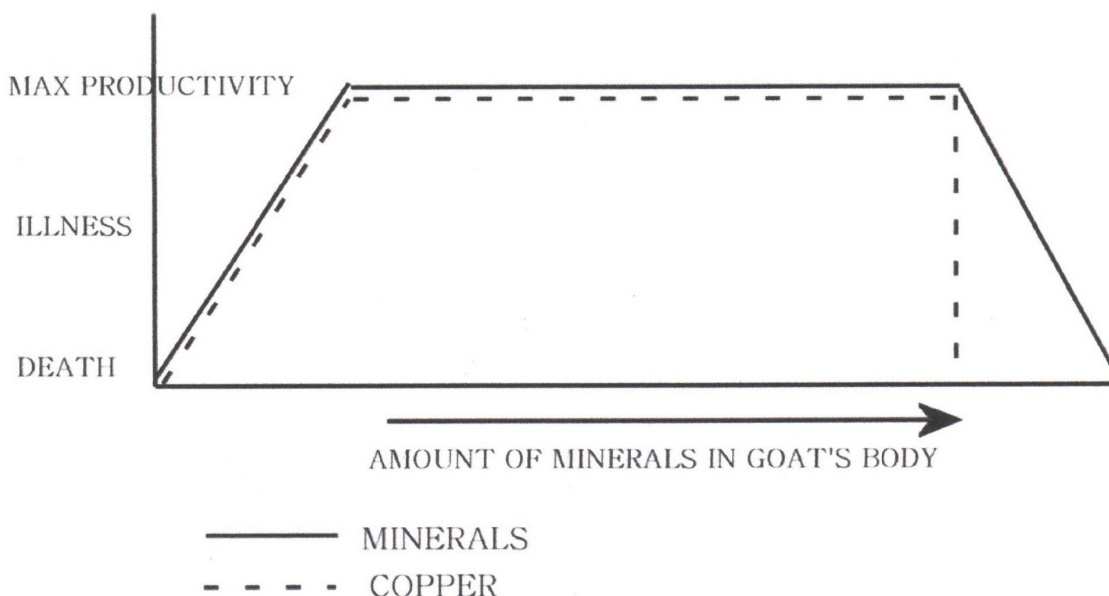
Many people dream of having a lifestyle block with a menagerie of animals. Often the block size is small in comparison to the animal's requirements (nutrition, parasite management etc) and vaccinations and drenches come in large quantities that make them expensive to use. Hobby farmers love nothing more than breeding their livestock and building up their numbers, but unfortunately high stocking rates create even bigger issues.

The great news is that many diseases are preventable and simple measures can be put in place to stop these diseases before they create an issue in your stock. Procedures such as regular weigh-ins, hoof trimming, vaccinations, faecal egg counts, body condition scoring, FAMACHA checks, nutrition analysis, correct dose and timing of supplementations, lambing, kidding and unpacking preparation and emergency care. If possible, I would recommend that you work with your private veterinarian to create an 'Annual Health Plan'. An Annual Health Plan is an individual health care plan for your stock that will set out the timings of all management procedures, regular health checks of your animals in order to detect when an animal is going backwards before it is showing obvious clinical signs and gives you the chance to do something about it before the animal becomes too unwell. Unfortunately, your veterinarian often does not see your animals until they are very sick, and it is often too late.

Animal owners often turn to social media for all types of medical advice for their livestock. Online information is abundant but often not accurate and it is important if you have any questions about your animal's health to consult your veterinarian. A non-veterinarian does not have the intricate medical knowledge to diagnose a condition or disease, especially when many diseases have similar clinical signs. If you can establish a relationship with your veterinarian through regular routine health care and checkups, vaccinations and dentals, then they will be much more willing to offer advice over the phone or via email.

During 2023, we have encountered several cases where incorrect medical advice from fellow producers or social media producer groups has unfortunately led to the death of livestock. Most cases are from toxic levels of vitamins and minerals. Trace minerals in the animal should sit within a defined normal range in order to reach maximum productivity., Mineral levels that sit outside this range, either too low or too high, can cause illness and death.

The graph below demonstrates that when copper levels are low in goats they show signs of ill thrift, and death can occur, and when excessive copper supplementation causes copper levels that are too high it also results in death.



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A recent case of over supplementation in a small ruminant has highlighted the issue of producers not seeking veterinary advice but rather following producer advice and not checking with a veterinarian. This animal received >11 times the recommended dose rate of a particular vitamin and > 5 times more doses that veterinarians recommend per annum. The animal died. I understand that livestock vets are few and far between in the Hunter Region, but this case highlights the importance of establishing a relationship with a veterinarian and incorporating preventative measures in managing your livestock. Ultimately your livestock will be healthier, and you will be getting the correct individual advice from your veterinarian.

If you have any further questions about establishing an Annual Health Plan for your stock, then please send me an email at kylie.greentree@lls.nsw.gov.au. If you would like to opt out of getting this newsletter, please drop us an email and we will take you off the list.

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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

Browser's Bulletin #74**Different Drench Families and their Mode of Action**

The mode of action of each drench family works on the intestinal worms in a different way and consequently you can use multiple drench families at one time without causing toxicity to the animal. The effectiveness of each drench will differ with each property, depending on previous drench history and introduction of resistant worms.

We often recommend that producers use at least 2 drench families at one time but preferably 3 or 4 drench families, to prolong the life of each drench group on your property. Producers are often concerned that this recommendation is toxic to their livestock, but as long as each drench belongs to a different family then there is no issue if given at the correct dose rate and label instructions or veterinary prescription are followed. Using all drenches at one time means that you go down the race with one drench, followed by the next family and then the next. You do not mix them together in one container and then drench the animal. It is one after the other but all at the same time.

There are an array of drenches with different brand names, it is important to check the chemical in the drench and the family that chemical belongs to. Otherwise, you may be doubling up on the same family which could be toxic to your stock. Below are examples of four drenches that all contain abamectin and could not be used at the same time.

Combination drenches are also available, these types of drenches contain two or more active ingredients that target the same worms. Combining actives can substantially slow the development of drench resistance to those actives on your farm. Often it is an easier option to go down the path of a combination drench, than having multiple individual drenches. It is important to check the effectiveness of each drench family every 2-3 years.



This Browser's Bulletin was not written for you to remember the 'Mode of Action' of each drench family off by heart but merely to understand how each family of drench works on the intestinal worms and does not cause toxicity to your livestock when multiple families are used at one time.

If you have any further questions about the 'Mode of Action' of drench families, please do not hesitate to send me an email at kylie.greentree@lrs.nsw.gov.au

References:

https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/70499/Registered-drenches-for-sheep-worms-Primefact-152.pdf

<https://wormboss.com.au/tests-tools/choosing-and-using-drenches/>

Drench Families and their 'Mode of Action'

Family	Mode of action	Drench examples: brand and chemical name
Benzimidazole Group (BZ) White drench	Disrupts the cellular integrity of susceptible worms by inhibiting tubulin polymerization. This results in depletion of the worm's energy reserve and accumulation of waste products	Valbazen (Albendazole) Panacur 25 (Fenbendazole) Oxfen (Oxfenbendazole)
Levamisole (LEV) Clear drench	Paralyses susceptible worms by acting on nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists	Nilverm (Levamisole) Levamisole Gold (Levamisole)
Macrocyclic lactone (ML) 'Mectins'	Cause paralysis in the intestinal worm by binding to the glutamate-gated chloride channel receptor in the nematode and arthropod nerve cells	Ivomec & Noromectin (Ivermectin) Absolute, Vetmec, Paramectin (Abamectin) Cydectin, Moxitak (Moxidectin)
Amino-Acetonitrile derivatives AAD	Acts on specific nicotinic acetylcholine receptors. This is unique, as it is only found in nematodes. Binding of monepantel to the receptors causes irreversible paralysis of nematodes.	Zolvix (Monepantel)
Spiroindoles (SI)	Acts on a different nicotinic acetylcholine receptor located at the nematode neuromuscular junction and produces flaccid paralysis of the nematode.	Startect Derquantel + abamectin
Organophosphates (OP)	Disturbs the neuromuscular coordination in worms by inhibiting many enzymes, especially acetylcholinesterase	Rametin (naphthalophos)
TZ or Benzimidazole group (flukicide)	Narrow spectrum of activity against early immature, immature and adult liver fluke	Fasinex, Tremacide, Exifluka (Triclabendazole)
Salicylanilides/phenols (SA)	Uncouples oxidative phosphorylation in targeted worms, resulting in loss of cellular integrity	Closicare, WSD Closantel (Closantel)
Isoquinolones (IQ) Praziquantel	Unsure of the mode of action but causes integument (skin damage) and paralytic muscular contractions of cestode followed by their death and expulsion	Only available in combination drench with broad spectrum drench. Eg FirstDrench (Levamisole + Praziquantel), Genesis Tape (Abamectin + Praziquantel)

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

2023

- February 15** **Sydney Royal Easter Show entries for animals and fleeces close.**
- March** **NATS (National Angora Trophy and Sale) will not be held in 2023. Many thanks to Nick Gorrie who has organised this event for many years and is unable to continue.**
- April 6-17** **Sydney Royal Easter Show will be held.**
- 10-12** **Angoras will be there from 10th to 12th April.**



Sydney Royal Easter Show

Angora Judging Timetable

Monday 10th April	Fleece Judging	4pm
Tuesday 11th April	Goat Judging	9am
	Paraders	4pm
Wednesday 12th April	Production Class	9am
	School Wether Group of 3	1pm
	Angora Young Judges	4pm

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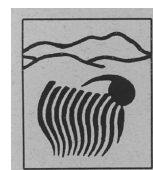
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