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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**AMMO Sale**

The next sale will be held on 8th March 2020, closing date for the Hunter was 12th November, 2019.

The following date for sale of mohair will be the 16th October, 2020 and closing date May, 2020.

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

Next Region Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd April at 11am at Heatherbrae Pies, Heatherbrae.

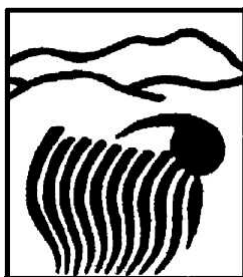
We are not having so many meetings as in the past, however we like to take the opportunity to catch up, compare notes on our goats etc.

We hope you will come along.

NATS

Coming soon is the main goat event for the year, held in Goulburn NSW. Full details are on page 9.

This is an opportunity to see the excellent quality of goats being bred and helping to improve our genetic base.



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VALE RAY SMITH

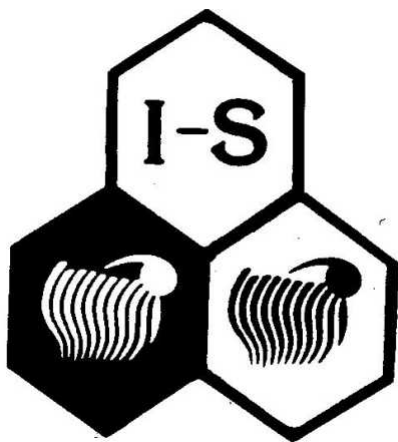
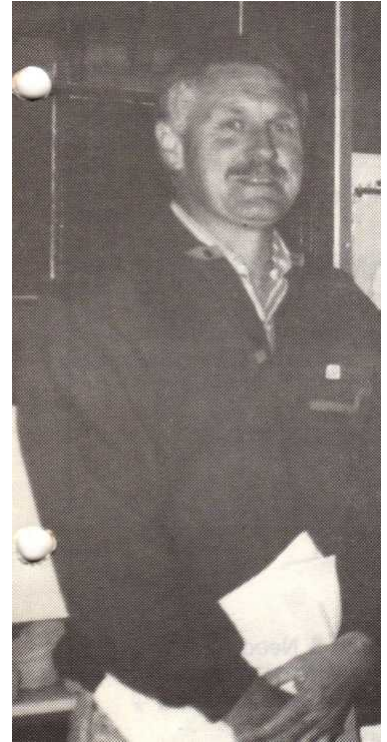
It was sad to hear of the passing three months ago of past Hunter Region member Ray Smith, Wyee.

Ray was the Mohair Australia Ltd - Hunter Region President from 1992 - 1994. He was then the Region Vice President from 1994 -2002.

Ray was our Region Delegate to the NSW Division From 1991 - 1995, and a valued member of our region.

Our sympathy is extended to Frances, their children and families.

R I P Ray.



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Khaki weed

Agfact P7.6.24, first edition 1983
Leon Smith, Principal Agronomist (Weeds)
Division of Plant Industries
Sydney

Although khaki weed, *Alternanthera pungens*, is a native of tropical South America, it was probably introduced into Australia from South Africa during or after the Boer War. It is widespread in the north west, central west, and southern districts, particularly in towns, and is occasionally found in coastal districts.

Its most objectionable aspect is the prickly burr which can be a problem to dogs and other users of stockyards, to children in recreation grounds, and on footpaths.

Khaki weed is a member of the Amaranthaceae (goosefoot) family and is declared noxious in a number of shires in the State.

DESCRIPTION

Khaki weed is a perennial, or sometimes annual, summer growing plant usually of prostrate creeping habit, rooting at every joint. It may spread over quite extensive areas, sometimes forming dense mats. The stems are much branched and more or less covered with woolly hairs. The leaves are usually light green to ashy in colour and smooth on the surface or nearly so. They are nearly oval in shape, and up to 3 cm long. The flowers are borne in heads in the axils of the leaves. The flowering segments and the bracts surrounding individual florets are usually straw-coloured, stiff and sharp pointed, forming a burr-like structure. Khaki weed is a prolific seeder.

DISTRIBUTION

Khaki weed is usually found along roadsides, footpaths, stockyards, in recreation areas and in waste places, mainly around towns or homesteads.

In years of above average rainfall, khaki weed has spread into native grass pastures in western districts, presumably because there has been enough soil moisture to sustain both grass and weed. It is not regarded as a serious weed

of pastures which are not overgrazed or which are managed by regular sheep grazing. It does not seem to have much effect on the growth of useful plants. It is something of a problem in irrigated lucerne in some central and north-western areas, particularly as it reduces the value of hay harvested from these areas.

LIFE CYCLE

Growth of the plant occurs from established crowns or from seed in the spring or early summer. The plant grows actively until autumn when the top dies off. The plant readily colonizes disturbed or bare ground but is only palatable to stock when young. Khaki weed has been suspected of poisoning pigs and of causing digestive disturbances in cattle. However, a feeding test with guinea pigs proved negative.

The deep tap root allows the plant to survive drought conditions, but it requires some summer rainfall or irrigation to thrive — hence its occurrence on recreational reserves and in irrigated lucerne.

The burrs help greatly in the spread of the species by sticking to rubber tyres, footwear, clothing and animals.

Prostrate habit and flowers of khaki weed. Photo J. J. Dellow.



Stem of khaki weed with enlargement of the flower (the pericarp is a covering over the seed and forms part of the fruit wall). Illustration R. Martin.



CONTROL

Cultivation is effective if it disturbs the bulk of the root system. However, ineffective cultivation may encourage seedling growth and spread the weed. Follow-up cultivations or chemical control is then usually necessary.

For small patches, systematic hoeing and burning appears to be a satisfactory method of control, but it is necessary to cut the plants well below ground level.

Where conditions are suitable, the establishment of a vigorous competitive pasture will provide adequate control.

Khaki weed is readily killed by spraying with several recommended herbicides (see chemical control supplement for specific recommendations).

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Division of Agricultural Services

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ENTEROTOXAEMIA (Pulpy Kidney)

Over the last 2 weeks, I have had several reports of goats dying with Enterotoxaemia. There has been a very sudden change in diet with this lovely green pasture around the Hunter so it is very important to remind everyone to re vaccinate your livestock with a multivalent Clostridial vaccination. A 2-in-1 or 3-in-1 are recommended in goats (Pulpy Kidney, Tetanus +/- Cheesy Gland) otherwise a 5-in-1 or a 6-in-1 are also fine. All these versions of Clostridial vaccinations do Pulpy Kidney (Enterotoxaemia).

Enterotoxaemia is very common in goats and the vaccinations don't last very long. Some people vaccinate every 3 months because they have issues with pulpy kidney. Pulpy kidney in sheep and cattle result in sudden death but in goats it can present with a variety of clinical signs.

- A) Sub Acute form: Sudden death (as you see in sheep and cattle)
- B) Acute scours that start green and become bloody and then death
- C) Chronic scours that come and go, usually green scours and often can be seen after kidding

Initial vaccination at 2 months of age then 1 month after booster. Then every 3-6 months.

With constant change in diet I would be vaccinating every 2 months. If your goats have never been vaccinated then now is a great time to start! Vaccinate now and a booster in a month and then vaccinate goats every 3-6 months.

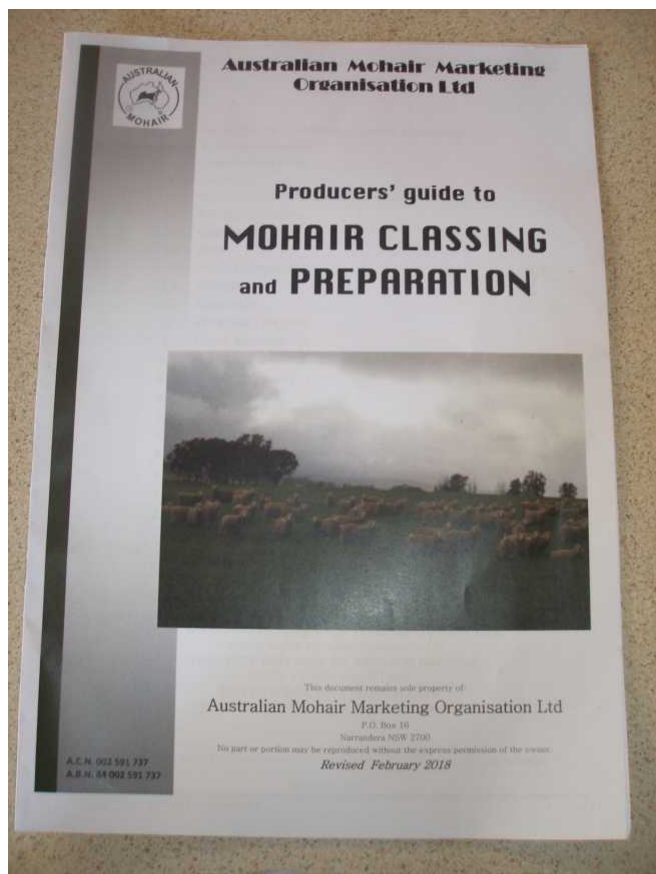
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Classing Standards

Just in case you haven't heard or seen the standards for classing of your mohair, AMMO wants to remind producers that lengths have changed to reflect lengths used Internationally and there have been a few other changes as well.

A copy of the new Standards can be downloaded from AMMO website

<http://ausmohair.com.au/mohair-preparation/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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NATS Coordinator – Nick Gorrie

Peden Pavilion, Goulburn Showgrounds, Goulburn NSW

NATS WEEKEND PROGRAM

Friday 13 March 2020

9.00 am – 3.00 pm

ANIMAL RECEIVAL
(LATER BY ARRANGEMENT)
FINAL DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL ANIMAL
RECEIVAL

10.00 am

10.30 am – 3.00 pm

NATS YOUTH SHOW
Schools classes under 1 year
Led Wether judging Competitions
Youth Judging Competition
Led Wether Paraders

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

1.30 pm – 6.00 pm

3.00 pm

FINAL DEADLINE FOR MOHAIR FLEECE
RECEIVALS
OFTA FLEECE TESTING
JUDGING OF MOHAIR FLEECE SHOW
**FINAL DEADLINE FOR ANIMAL
RECEIVAL**

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

5.45 pm

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

OFTA TESTING SHOW ANIMALS
MOHAIR FLEECE AWARD CEREMONY
FRIDAY NIGHT
GET TOGETHER AT GOULBURN SOLDIERS
CLUB BISTRO – ALL WELCOME

Saturday 14 March 2020

8.45 am

9.00 am

10.00 am

12.30 pm

3.30 pm

4.30 pm

7.00 pm

JUDGING OF NOVICE SECTION
JUDGING OF OPEN SECTION – STUD SHOW
JUDGING OF MOHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP
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LUNCH
JUDGING OF CHAMPIONSHIPS
PRESENTATION OF CHAMPIONS
(EXCEPT FOR MAJOR AWARDS)
THE NATS DINNER
BEST WESTERN CENTRETOWN MOTEL

Sunday 15 March 2020

8.00 am – 8.30 am

8.45 am

9.30 am

FINAL SALE ANIMAL RECEIVAL
JUNIOR PARADERS COMPETITION
"JUDGING WORKSHOP – PANEL"

11.00 am – 5.00 pm

CLOSE AND CLEAN UP

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

2020

March 13-15 NATS (National Trophy Show & Sale) Goulburn. For more information contact Nick on 0409 129 123

April 2 Hunter Region Meeting. To be held at Heatherbrae Pies, at 11 am. Venue etc. to be confirmed

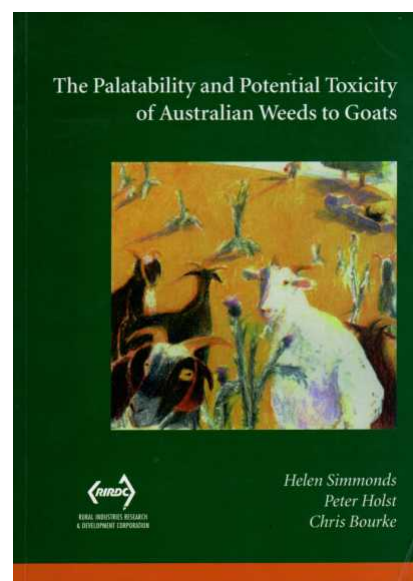
PLANTS POISONOUS TO GOATS

There are lots of goats in the area, many used as lawn mowers or just companion pets. Did you know that many plants are poisonous to them?

Many people use goats to eat garden cuttings and act as lawn mowers, but not all plants are safe to eat. Two recently died after eating Azalea clippings. These are very toxic to goats (as well as other animals) causing acute intestinal cramping, vomiting, weakness and often death.

Below is a list of poisonous plants unsuitable for goats:-

- Aconite (monkshood)
- Avocado leaves
- Azaleas
- Bulbs
- Deadly Nightshade
- Foxglove
- Fuchsia
- Hellesorus (Christmas Rose)
- Hydrangea
- Kalmia
- Laburnum
- Larkspur
- Laurel
- Lilac
- Oleander
- Poppies
- Potato tops
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb leaves
- Yew



With the dry grasses and winds around we are getting a few sore eyes. Sore eyes can be a results of dust and irritations from wind and dirt causing conjunctivitis, or due to allergies, just like in humans.

Dry grassy stems (or kitten claws!) can damage the outer layer of the eye (cornea) this causes a lot of pain and the animal will usually keep their eye tightly shut. Medication is very different depending on whether there is damage to the cornea. Do not assume that eye drops you have in the cupboard are good for your pet. Certain drops will actually slow the healing process of injuries. Always talk to your vet before placing anything in your pet's eyes. If you know there has been damage done to the eye treat it as an emergency as eyes that have been left for a few days before treatment can become very hard to save from scarring or worse.

Dr Anna Pillich, Vet, Kulnura (Gosford).

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