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Hunter Region Christmas Party and presentation of Life Membership. L to R. Hunter President, Jenny Readford, Sandie Smith (Life Member), Bill Smith (Life Member) and NSW Division President, Reg Scott.

Pictured below: Sandie Smith, Bill Smith and Steve Roots -Life Membership Awards received from Mohair Australia Ltd and nominated by NSW Division





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Email: mohair@mohair.org.au

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

AMMO Sale

The last sale of mohair was 11th September, 2020 and there was a 100% clearance level reflecting a strong demand. The average price of mohair was \$17.97 kg.

The closing date for the next sale will be mid December for sale either March or April.

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-@bigpond.net.au.

National Annual General Meeting

This was held on Friday 6th November at Wallaroo near Canberra.

Hunter Region Meetings

It has been decided that we will hold quarterly meetings in our region. Date and venue will be emailed at a later date.





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Presidents Report

Well 2020 has proven to be a year with a difference. We started with extreme firers and then moved into the Corona virus and all the restrictions, lock downs, closed borders and quarantines. The year has been hard for many, as for us here on the farm, I must admit we really didn't feel that affected apart from sanitizing everything when we went grocery shopping and wearing masks, farm life continued.

Our area has had some late winter early spring rain so at the moment the grass is growing and the paddocks are looking green but summer is creeping in early with todays November temperature to reach 35 and tomorrow they expect it to be at least 40. I always feel for the animals in such heat and I pray they have shade trees, sheds and a good cool water supply available to them.

Last Thursday our region held it's Christmas get together at the home of Bill and Sandie Smith. There was a total of 19 people and even though it was warm outside a great time was had by all. We all brought along some fabulous nibbles, salads, sausages, bread rolls and desserts to share for lunch.

The highlight of the day was the Life Membership from Mohair Australia, presented to Bill and Sandie in honor of all the work and effort they have put into the industry over their years of being part of the industry. This was presented by Reg Scott the NSW Division president.

To conclude I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas for 2020 and may next year 2021 bring to us all much happiness.

Jenny Readford

President

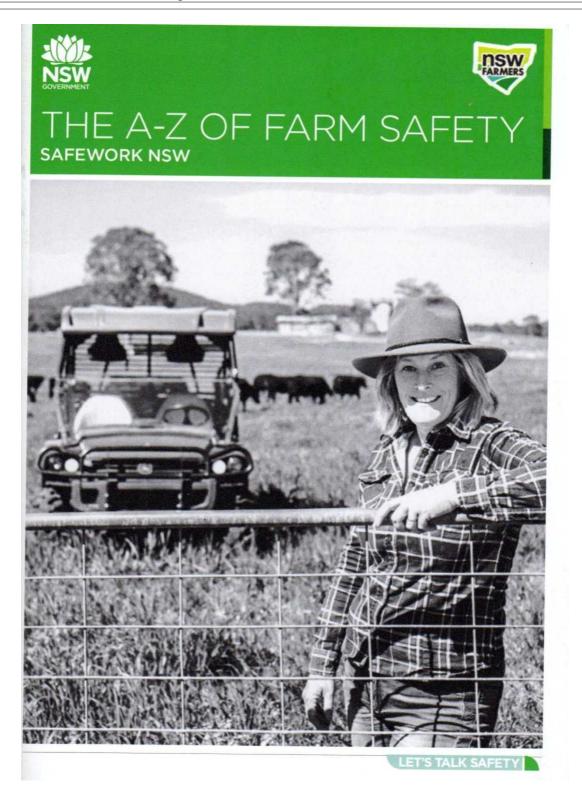


REGION CHRISTMAS PARTY - 26th November, 2020

We are very fortunate in our region that we look forward to enjoying each others company, some refreshments and "catching up". This was no exception on Thursday 26th November when we gathered for our Region Christmas sausage sizzle. Bill & Sandie Smith thanked all for attending the special occasion of receiving a Life Membership Award from Mohair Australia Ltd, nominated by the NSW Division. A number of people travelled to join us from Molong, Yeoval, Binnaway, and Reg and Gill Scott from The Oaks, as well as some past members, family and friends.







This excellent publication was produced by SafeWork NSW and has been designed to assist with identifying and mitigating work health and safety risks for primary producers. It aims to increase safety awareness and improve farm safety.

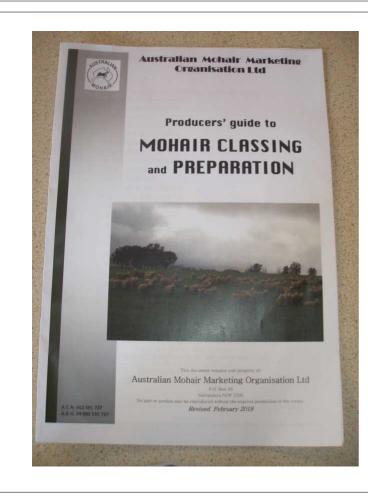
If you did not receive a copy of this guide by post, and would like a copy or further assistance regarding agriculture work health and safety visit Safework.nsw.gov.au or call 13 10 50.

GOAT HEALTH & FIRST AID

It is a good idea to have a cupboard in the goat shed, up high away from inquisitive noses, in which to keep some items for emergencies in the goat yard.

Thermometer	Average goat temperature (daytime) 39.3° C (102.8°F)	
Dettol or similar as an	antiseptic	
Syringes	various sizes	
Needles	Size 19 is good for injecting vitamins	
Tweezers		
Mohair or cotton woo	1)	
Poly pipe (splint)		
From Produce store:		
Fly strike powder		
Vytrate or sin	nilar for dehydration (available in sachets or liquid)	
Colour spray for ma	arking sick or sale animals etc.	
Terramycin Spray Pin	nk eye spray for eyes, open wounds including foot scald, infections etc.	
Vitamins	B1 for thiamin deficiency	
	B12 encourages appetite, and for iron and cobalt deficiencies B Complex for vitamin B deficiencies and stress	
	C to promote healing in injury and illness, poisons, bites & shock	
Bio-Start provides enzymes for better food conversion & rumen microbial development available from Provico.		
From your Vet:		
Scourban	available from your Vet, and should be kept in the fridge	
Antibiotics	Good to have on hand in case of emergency	
Neosporin)	antibiotic ointment for eyes after grass seeds etc.	
Tweezers)		
	General Goat Health Information	
Average Pulse rate	90 beats per minute (variation 70-135)	
Average temperature	(daytime) 39.3° C or 102.8°F (100° - 105°)	
Average respiration	19 breaths per minute	
Oestrum (Heat or Sea	son) Duration 36 - 48 hours	
	Return after kidding 60 - 150 days if not suckling, or immediatley	
	otherwise 4 - 6 months	
	Recurrence if not mated; 17 (12-19) days	
Gestation	150 days	
Age by Teeth		
-	"milk" teeth which are replaced by adult incisors.	
• It is the number	of adult incisors that are used as a guide to the animal's age.	
	2 tooth (ie 2 incisors) 14 months to 2 years	
	4 tooth 2 - 3 years	
	6 tooth 3 -4 years	
	8 tooth (full mouth) 4 years onwards	

Reprinted from previous HRN by request.



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/mohairpreperation/mohair-classing/

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

MOHAIR REPORT

For more information

Visit AMMO website www.ausmohair.com.au

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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

WATER CONSUMPTION FOR GOATS

Clean water should be readily accessible to goats.

The amount of water drunk depends upon the dry matter content of feed eaten and surface moisture available from rain or dew, body weight of goats and production level, especially of lactating goats. A goat in full lactation may consume up to 10 litres of water per day; this intake may double if the temperature exceeds 40°C.

Water quality (salinity, taste, temperature) can adversely affect intake. Goats may adapt to high salt levels (>5000 mg/L) but generally prefer saline levels less than 2000 mg/L.

Ref: "Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals – The Goat"

WATER SUPPLIES

If you are to have a successful drought feeding program you will need a reliable water supply. In past droughts many properties were affected by a shortage of water while ample grazing was still available.

It is important to provide weaners with the best water available, preferable in troughs. If you have a reticulated supply, the rate of flow is more important than the length of your trough.

The amount of water a goat will drink in one day depends on the temperature and the amount of shade available, the type of feed, the salinity of the water, and the class of goats.

Table 1 is a guide to the maximum salinity that different classes of goats can tolerate and the quantity of maximum salinity water needed each day.

Table 1. Water consumption and maximum salinity for drought feeding with hay, grain and dry pasture

Class of Goat	Consumption per Head per day* Litres	Maximum salinity (total salts in parts per million)
Weaners	4 - 6	7 000
Adult dry goat	5 - 7	14 000
Doe with kid	5 – 10	10 000

* This table relates to goats on a low salt diet such as hay, grain or dry pasture. Goats that have diets that consist largely of salty plant material such as saltbush (Atriplex spp.) blue bush (Maireana spp.) or copper burrs (Scerolaena spp.) require water that contains less than 10 000 parts per million of dissolved salts. Other classes of goats require water with correspondingly lower salinity.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

2021

January 1st	Membership fees/renewals are due for Mohair Australia Ltd, and are listed on page 11. Please note that all fees include a copy of the quarterly "Mohair News".
March 12-14	NATS (National Angora Trophy Show & Sale) Goulburn. This event showcases the incredible animals being produced in Australia. A must for those interested in the future of Angoras. For more information contact Nick Gorrie on 0409 129 123
ТВА	Hunter Region meeting. To be held at 11am, date and venue to be confirmed by email to members.

For more information contact Secretary Sandie Smith 02 4938 7536

ELECTROLYTE SOLUTION

There are some commercially made electrolyte mixes available or you can make your own.

2 teaspoons of common table sale
1 teaspoon of baking soda (Sodium Bicarbonate)
8 tablespoons of glucose or honey
1 gallon (3¹/₂ litres) of warm water

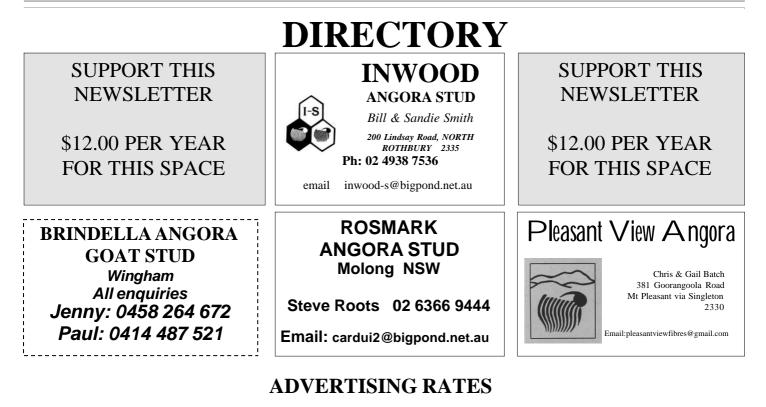
Molasses in warm water alone will sometimes be sufficient to whet the appetite and stimulate eating.

Warm Lucerne tea is usually readily taken. Pour some boiling water over Lucerne chaff, stir a few minutes then add a little molasses or honey. Make to a warm drinkable temperature by adding cold water or preferable an electrolyte solution.

COLOSTRUM FOR KIDS

- Mix 1 egg 1 dessertspoon glucodin (from Chemist – glucose) 1 teaspoon cod liver oil (or use from capsule)
- Mix with 300 mls water 56 gms (2 oz) milk powder

Feed this to one kid over 2 or 3 feeds, then use milk powder or replacer.



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Membership/Renewal forms available on the MA website under "forms"

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Education	\$55.00
Ordinary (Region voting only)	\$30.00
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MOHAIR AUSTRALIA LTD

NATS

(National Angora Trophy Show & Sale) Goulburn.

Dates: 12th, 13th and 14th March, 2021

Venue: Peden Pavilion, Goulburn showground, Goulburn NSW

For more information contact Nick Gorrie on 0409 129 123

