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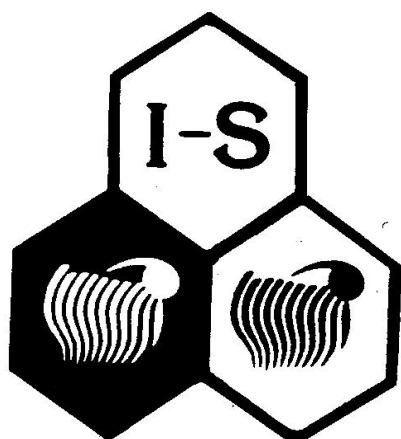
FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**AMMO Sale**

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

The new AMMO board is:

Chairperson Grant Forsdick
 Vice Chairperson Graham Dau
 Company Secretary Peter Simpson
 Treasurer Nick Gorrie
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Presidents Report

Presidents Report, May 2022

The activity from our region has been on a slow decline for the last few years, with some members moving out of the area, some deciding they don't want to continue with Angora Goats and some aging and unable to continue with the work associated with the animals. I don't know what will eventuate into the future for all who are involved.

Since the last Hunter News, the mini-National Angora Trophy Show and the Sydney Royal Easter Show was held and the reports were very pleasing for both events.

All the best for the winter months ahead, I feel it will be a cold winter.

Jennifer Readford

LLS BROWSER'S BULLETINS

I am sending this month's Browser's Bulletin out a fraction earlier because there has been an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Indonesia.

Indonesia is one of our closest neighbours and now that international travel is back on the agenda, we need to be aware of this exotic disease. I have written a few more in-depth Browser's Bulletins about Foot and Mouth Disease before (11&14).

It is important to remind ourselves of the clinical signs to expect with FMD and the preventative measures to stop FMD entering our Country and bringing our export industry to its knees.

Kind regards

Kylie Greentree | District Veterinarian

Hunter Local Land Services

Copies of Browser's Bulletins are available from Hunter Local Land Services or from Hunter Region News editor.

MOHAIR CLASSING and PREPARATION

Classing Standards

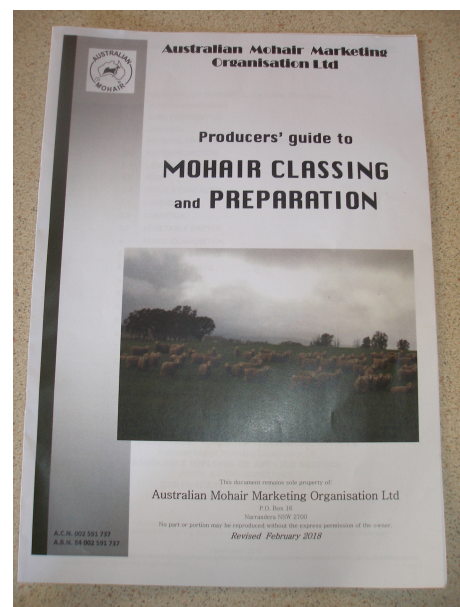
Please note changes have been made to:

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.



TICK BITE—”Natural Goat & Alpaca Care—Pat Coleby.

With tick bite the goat becomes lethargic and eventually goes into a coma. If carefully examined a tick(s) will be found. A dab of tea tree oil applied to the tick works wonders—it dies and lets go. Give the goat 10cc (5g) of vitamin C by injection; it is not too late if it is in a coma. If only oral C is obtainable, give three teaspoons in liquid slowly down the throat; take great care if comatose that it does not go down the windpipe.

There is apparently an antivenene, but it is not effective once the animal is in a coma. Friends with a tick-bitten dog, already comatose, were told by the vet it was already too late. Only then did they remember the oral vitamin C I told them about. They dribbled it down the dog’s throat and it recovered very quickly.

Animals in tick areas eventually build up an immunity. It might be worth raising the goats’ sulphur intake to an extra full teaspoon daily per week, so they would be less likely to be attacked. Stick-infested pastures are always on sour land that needs re-mineralising and looking after.

SULPHUR

This comes in the form of flowers of sulphur, obtainable from a chemist, or simply as sulphur from an industrial supplier. A deficiency in this element will cause an upsurge of exterior “lodgers”, such as lice. It used to be adequate to give goats a teaspoon a month to keep this problem in check. However, as a result of more intensive farming, much of the wheat available (bran, pollards etc.) is now wholly sulphur deficient, and it now seems to be necessary to give up to a dessertspoon per week in some cases. An animal with adequate sulphur in its system may pick up the odd louse, but it will not breed or stay long. It is also helpful when goats, bucks especially, develop hard, dry skin; a teaspoon daily for a week will usually help clear this up quite effectively.

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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

NATS GOULBURN 2022

Congratulations to Debbie Scattergood from ‘Cullbookie’ on winning several awards including the ‘Supreme Champion Angora of the Show’, The ‘Kamrock’ trophy, the ‘Keith McKenzie’ trophy, ‘Reserve Champion’ in the fleece results and the ‘Most Successful Exhibitor’ in both fleeces and animals.

Conratulations also goes to Mandy Statham of ‘Willow Glen’ for ‘Champion fleece’ in the fleece results.

Nick and Kate Gorrie of ‘Dulark Angoras’ were awarded first, second and third in ‘Junior Buck’ (under 6months), second in ‘Junior Buck’ (12-24months) medium class and third in ‘Junior’ under 6 month Class. Congratulations Nick and Kate.

Narrandera High School students attending the NATS in Goulburn on the 11th and 12th March.

A big congratulations to the Narrandera High on winning the ‘Schools Champion’, ‘Junior Judging’, ‘Paraders’ and ‘Reserve Champion for junior Doe’.

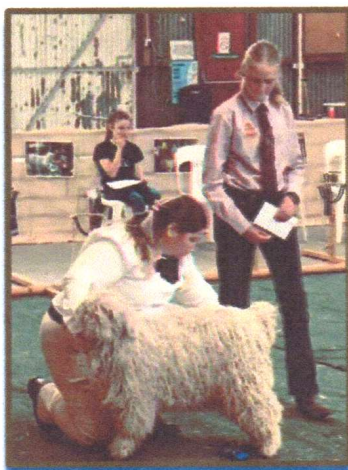
The Narrandera High School would like to invite you to the ‘Sydney Royal Easter Show’ 8-19th April 2022, where the School Agricultural team will be attending.

<https://www.eastershow.com.au/explore-plan>

Well done!



Photo's courtesy of Narrandera High School



Supplied with thanks to AMMO E-News and from Mohair Australia—Eastern Region Facebook page

Hundreds of stolen goats seized by police in rural crime blitz

By Romy Gilbert

5:13pm Apr 22, 2022

Eight people from western and southern parts of NSW have been charged with drug and rural crime offences following investigations which began in May last year.

Police raided multiple properties — across about 48,500 hectares (120,000 acres) — in the Murrumbidgee earlier this week, covering Bundure, Kidman Way at Mount Hope, Illawong and Landervale.

Officers found roughly 700 goats believed to be stolen.

Search warrants at properties in Cobar, Hillston and Mount Hope yesterday led to the arrest of eight people.

Four of the properties in Cobar contained methylamphetamine, cannabis plants, cannabis leaf, prescription medication, drug paraphernalia, property suspected of being stolen and liquid believed to be GHB.

At a Hillston property, officers seized methylamphetamine, cannabis, ammunition, and more than \$7000 cash.

Four men from Cobar, two men and one woman from Hillston and one man from Mount Hope were each charged with multiple offences.

The 33-year-old man from Mount Hope is believed to be involved in the theft and illegal trade of goats.

Murrumbidgee Police District Crime Manager, Detective Inspector Eugene Stek, said rural crime in New South Wales is a significant issue and has a huge economic impact.

"It's costing millions – not only in the theft of stock, but through the theft of other farming equipment, fuel and machinery, damaged fences, loss of income and it also introduces biosecurity risks," Inspector Stek said.

"What police will allege occurred here is that the goats were stolen from several properties and sold illegally.

"Farmers are the backbone of our country; this joint resolution shows that police will come at rural crime and drug offenders from all angles, and deal with them under the full force of the law."

Angora Herd for Mohair Noil

Raw *Mohair* – *Mohair* is shorn from the *Angora* goat twice a year. ... the *mohair* card sliver is then combed to remove the short fibers (*noils*)

Long standing breeders and past members of Mohair Australia Ltd, Ian and Rene Lockrey from Armidale NSW have been involved in this process for many years.

When Rene and Ian retired; for Jason and Naomi to keep up The Overseer saddles, they adopted 28 angora goats from their neighbours who were supplying the saddlery mohair.

As Rene has been processing the mohair for Jason and Naomi for many years she is continuing to carry out this process.

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The mohair will pack down more in the front of the saddle where the rider’s weight is; this could take 6-12 months. Then the saddle requires what is called at The Overseer Saddlery a top up—meaning they add more mohair over the top without disturbing the original mohair. This lifts the front of the saddle, putting the rider back on balance and the saddle, carrying weight for its whole length, as it did when it was new.



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DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

2022

May	24	Hunter Region Meeting— Cancelled due to weather etc.
July	??	Hunter Region Annual General Meeting– Date and venue is to be decided closer to the time.
August	13	NSW Division—Mohair Australia Ltd Annual General Meeting is at 10.30am at Goulburn Soldiers Club.

SERVICE THAT GUN – Vax gun, Drench gun or Backliner

While it is always important to check your drench gun setting by measuring a shot into a medicine glass, it is also just as important to be sure the gun is delivering the correct amount on each and every application of the gun. It must be consistent.

The most common causes for inconsistency are:-

1. Failure of the lever to return all the way back to the adjusting screw.
2. Sucking of air on the return stroke due to either worn seals or a breakage in pipe or cylinder wall.
3. Loss of liquid to the back of the plunger. This not only is a loss of the metered amount, but also eventually gets forced out completely and is wasted.

It would appear that most, if not all, of this type of equipment, is supplied or serviced by NJ Phillips who are in the industrial estate at Somersby, near Gosford NSW (02 4340 2044). Service kits are available either direct or through your local produce agent.

Advice from Phillips on the cleaning and assembly of this equipment stresses the use of castor oil only for the lubrication of the plunger parts and seals, after washing with detergent to remove drench liquids. The ‘rubber’ components will tend to go hard if castor oil is not used, or swell if other types of lubricants are used.

When assembling Vaxmaster type plungers with the two flat rubber washers, dust the washers with baby powder first. This absorbs any grease off fingers etc. and stops the tendency of the washers to be squeezed out when the plunger screw is tightened up against them. Do not over tighten.

Once the plunger is assembled, castor oil can be applied to lubricate the plunger in the cylinder. If sterilisation is necessary prior to vaccination, assemble in water and boil with water in the cylinder. Re-assemble in castor oil after clean up following vaccination.

Bill Smith H.D.A.

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