

Auditor version

SustainaWOOL Integrity Scheme Declaration

Grower and Property Detail

Only a subset of the questions we ask growers are relevant, as below. Confirm PIC, and contact details

Name of Owner/Operator		SWIS No.	
Property Trading Name		Mobile	
Property Address (the "property")		PIC (8-digit)	
Farm Size (hectares)		Bales Produced annually (approx.)	
Breeds (sheep numbers by breed)	Flock structure		
General practice	Self replacing/trading etc? When do you lamb? When do you shear?		

Grower Eligibility

The grower needs to be able to evidence the Manual and Checklist to the Auditor. Regarding prosecution questions, the Auditors role is simply ask to confirm what they have declared and for any updates since they declared - AWEX itself will run background prosecution checks on a sample of growers each year.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION	YES	NO	DECLARANT COMMENTS
Have you received and read the SustainaWOOL Manual and Audit Checklist and understand the Scheme's requirements for certification?			Sight. What versions?
Has the owner or manager of the property ever been successfully prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act applicable to your State or Territory? If YES , give details.			Ask
Has the owner or manager of the property ever been successfully prosecuted under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act applicable to your State or Territory? If YES , give details.			Ask
Has the owner or manager of the property been successfully prosecuted under the Workplace Health and Safety/Occupational Health and Safety Act applicable to your State or Territory? If YES , give details.			Ask
Has the owner or manager of the property been successfully prosecuted under any National or State employment legislation Acts? If YES , give details.			Ask

Farm Practices Declaration

Suggestions for the audit process are highlighted in the Auditor Comment column.

1. ANIMAL WELFARE / ANIMAL HEALTH	YES	NO	WT	AUDITOR COMMENT
1.1 Are sheep regularly monitored for injury, health, predators and general well-being?				Ask about period between sightings
1.2 Are corrective actions taken when sheep require treatment for, or relief from disease (including internal parasites), pain and suffering?				
1.3 Is on-farm slaughter of sheep (for domestic use, or euthanasia) carried out humanely, minimizing prolonged pain and/or distress to the animal?				Confirm methods used
1.4 Are mortality records kept for all sheep classes, including cause of death?				A SustainaWOOL template is now available
1.5 Are only Registered Animal Health products* used, within the use-by dates specified?				Check their Chem store for products. Batch dates?
1.6 Are records kept of all Animal Health treatments (and are available on request)?				A SustainaWOOL treatment record template is available
1.7 Are correct doses of treatments administered as per written procedures and/or as directed by product manufacturer?				As per 1.6 SustainaWOOL treatment record template is available
1.8 Are adequate food and water available for all sheep on the property to maintain good health?				
1.9 Are sheep provided with adequate shelter such as trees and/or structures to ensure wellbeing and to mitigate mortality rates during extreme weather events?				
1.10 Have all reasonable steps been taken to minimise the effects of fire or flood on the property and its livestock?				
1.11 Is Body Condition Score (BCS)* monitored and actively managed to meet BCS targets recommended for the sheep class?				Describe the BCS technique used, and any training received.
1.12 Are artificial breeding procedures* (e.g. AI) carried out on your property? If so, competent operators must be used.				If procedures are applied, evidence the provider.
1.13 Are dehorning, disbudding and substantial horn trimming only conducted only for animal welfare purposes, by competent operators, and accompanied by effective pain relief?				

1.14	Are sheep dogs trained and muzzled where necessary?					
1.15	Are all sheep on the property free to display all natural behaviours?				Check mob sizes and paddock sizes	
LAMB MARKING				YES	NO	AUDITOR COMMENT
1.16	Does all your wool clip come from sheep bred on the property (excluding rams bred elsewhere)? If NO , please provide details of sheep not own bred.				Enquire about breeding program. Sight evidence of NVD for bought in sheep.	
1.17	Are the breeches of sheep modified to reduce flystrike risk?					
1.18	If breeches are NOT modified (1.17 above), when did the practice cease?	YEAR ceased (write)			Inspect sheep in race. Photograph the range.	
		Never practiced (tick)				
1.19	If the breeches of sheep are modified (YES to 1.17 above), identify the specific breech modification method used.	Mulesing			Inspect sheep in race. Photograph the range. Check timing of lambing and marking to check 12 week age limit.	
		'Sheep freeze-branding'				
		Others, including Clips				
1.20	Pain Relief for Breech Modification - identify the form of pain relief applied and the year of first use.	Topical Pain Relief (Trisolfen®)			Sight evidence of purchase	
		Buccalgesic® or Metacam 20®				
		YEAR of first application				
1.21	Tail docking - identify the specific method used (tick the appropriate box).	Hot (cauterising) knife			Inspect sheep in race. Photograph the range. Tails should be docked to the 3 rd palpable joint only. Check timing of lambing and marking to check 12 week age limit.	
		Rubber rings				
		Other (please identify)				
1.22	Castration - identify the method used (tick the appropriate box).	Rubber rings			Check timing of lambing and marking to check 12 week age limit.	
		Sharp knife				
1.23	Pain Relief for Tail docking and Castration - identify the form of pain relief applied and the year of first use.	No Pain Relief Provided			Sight evidence of purchase (i.e. batch number, receipt)	
		Topical Pain Relief (Trisolfen®) *				
		Buccalgesic® or Metacam 20® *				
		Numnuts® *				
		Year of first application				

2. TRACEABILITY	YES	NO	WT	AUDITOR COMMENTS
2.1 Are all sheep on the property are identified with a secure form of identification?				Sight evidence
2.2 Are mobs are routinely monitored and their location on the property known at all times?				Mob location should be diarised at least
2.3 Does the property participate in the MLA National Livestock Identification System (NLIS)* ?				Sight evidence
2.4 Does the property use the MLA Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration System (LPA NVD)*.				Sight evidence
2.5 Is the property compliant with all Animal Health treatment withholding periods?				
2.6 Are all fodder and supplements brought onto the farm documented?				Sight evidence
2.7 Is the AWEX* National Wool Declaration (NWD) completed for all mobs/wool from the property offered for sale?				Sight evidence
2.8 Is a current Wool Book (or similar) kept as a record of all bales for every shearing?				Sight evidence
2.9 Are bales branded/marked so as to allow ready identification of correct ownership and content integrity.				Sight evidence in shed inspection

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CARE/CHEMICAL HANDLING &	YES	NO	WT	
3.1 Total grazing pressure is managed on the property to support sustainable land use (e.g. control of vermin, pest and weed management, drought down-stocking etc.).				Enquire about total stock numbers, areas grazed and stocking rates. What is total carrying capacity?
3.2 Ground cover is routinely monitored, and remedial actions undertaken to avoid overgrazing and soil erosion.				Does grower have a target stated for ground cover%?
3.3 Soil tests are taken on property to monitor soil fertility and/or potential contamination, where appropriate.				Check on regularity of testing
3.4 This property is part of a local/state/national environmental group (e.g. Landcare™), or it has certified management systems in place for environmental management.				
3.5 If YES, list any relevant group(s), scheme(s) certifications, or courses (e.g. Grazing for Profit, RCS, Lifetime Ewe Management, etc.)				Ask for examples, certificates, etc.

3.6	Reasonable care has been taken to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment, and biodiversity.				
3.7	All stock are excluded from any rubbish facilities or disused dips on the property (if these do not exist on the property, also answer YES). If NO or WT provide details.				
3.8	A Farm Chemical Users course has been completed by at least one person on this farm within the past five years and course completion records are available.				ACUP should be evidenced (ACUP number)
3.9	An inventory of chemicals is kept and is available. If not, a template is available upon request.				Sight inventory
3.10	All chemicals used for pasture and livestock treatments are safely stored in a lockable, bunded, and well ventilated storage area.				
3.11	Hazardous substances are disposed of as required by law (e.g. Drum Muster recycling program).				

4.	SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	YES	NO	WT	AUDITOR COMMENTS
4.1	Owner and/or manager is fully compliant with all National and State *WH&S/OH&S legislation and guidelines for all staff and family members.				
4.2	All staff have received adequate instruction and training for the responsible use of agricultural machinery and animal handling equipment.				
4.3	Owner and/or manager is fully compliant with all National and State Employment legislation (award wages and conditions) in relation to all staff.				

5.	WOOL PREPARATION/SHEARING	YES	NO	WT	AUDITOR COMMENTS
5.1	Is the wool clip prepared according to the AWEX* Code of Practice for the preparation of the Australian Wool clip?				Auditor provided with report from clip inspectors
5.2	Is a shearing Tally Book (or similar) used to document relevant information from every shearing?				
5.3	Crutching* - are sheep crutched and/or daggged before shearing?				Record crutching status of inspected sheep, and record grower usual months for crutching.
5.4	Is a high level of care is taken to keep all contaminants out of the wool clip at shearing time?				Record number of shearers

5.5	Does a registered professional wool classer/owner classer prepare and oversees the wool clip and their stencil is applied to all bales.				If NO, please give details.
5.6	Is all shorn wool packaged in nylon wool packs in good condition that have been authorised for use by AWEX?				Bales must carry an AWEX* bale label on the pack flap
5.7	Are all animal markers and raddles used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and brands removed from fleece lines?				
5.8	Are shed-hands briefed before shearing begins by classer/owner/ manager on preparation levels?				
5.9	Have shearers been made well aware of their responsibilities under the Animal Welfare Act applicable to the particular State or Territory. by the contractor, classer, or owner/manager?				
5.10	Have all shearers attained an effective standard of competence*), and are competent to treat animals for severe cuts?				AHC21316 (Certificate II in Shearing), AHC32916 (Certificate III in Shearing), and AHCSHG304 (Shear sheep to professional level)
5.11	Do shearers have their own counting-out pen to allow accountability for the quality of the sheep they shear?				
5.13	Is the shearing shed environment safe and healthy, with adequate amenities, lighting and ventilation, and with well-maintained shearing machinery?				Record notes on number of stands, tables, structures
5.14	Is the period of time stock are shedded (without feed and water) prior to shearing appropriate for the class of stock (e.g. pregnant ewes)?				
5.15	Are there any Shedding Breeds* of sheep run on the property? If YES please give details.				
5.16	If YES, have your shedding breed sheep come into contact* with other sheep on the property at any time?				

6.	HANDLING & TRANSPORT	YES	NO	WT	AUDITOR COMMENTS
6.1	Have staff received adequate instruction and training for the responsible and humane handling of stock?				Evidence
6.2	Are transport services provided by organisations or individuals that demonstrate vehicle safety and compliance, and the humane loading, unloading and transport of stock?				List preferred carriers

6.3 Have all reasonable efforts been made to minimize stress and/or chance of injury to the animal during handling and transport?				
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AREA	GOLD PERFORMANCE PRACTICES	YES	NO	AUDITOR COMMENT
Sheep health and welfare	7.1 Pain relief for tail docking and castration is provided and readily evidenced (see Q1.23).			
	7.2 Marked lambs show no evidence of breech modification (mulesing, freeze branding, clips, or other), and tails are docked to the 3 rd palpable joint.			
	<i>MB: Stock numbers are recorded for routine livestock movements, enabling mortality records.</i>			
Traceability and visibility	7.3 Electronic classer specifications are utilised and readily evidenced			
	7.4 E'bale tags are used and readily evidenced			
	7.5 Grower is willing and able to share images and videos of production standards, and to act as a role model and mentor			
Environmental practice	7.6 Grower can evidence investment in infrastructure and practices to achieve time controlled rotational grazing or equivalent practice minimising risk of soil compaction and erosion.			
	7.7 Grower is able to evidence a rising trend in tree, shrub, or perennial grass cover on the property, and that environmental plantings have occurred.			
	7.8 Grower is able to evidence a rising trend in year-round pasture ground cover on grazed country, and identify current and target levels			
	7.9 Grower is able to evidence knowledge of the diversity in tree and pasture species, and key native animals and plants.			

	7.10 Grower is able to evidence implementation of strategies to control stock access to riparian areas (creeks, waterlines) & reduce flow rates.			
	7.11 Grower is able to evidence implementation of strategies to maximise water retention & use efficiency, and minimise soil erosion by water.			

Compliance assessment

AUDITOR COMMENTS			
General comments	Please provide a general assessment for the grower.		
Corrective actions suggested to be undertaken	Suggest Auditor lists specific question numbers.		
Auditor Recommendations as per Audit Checklist (tick outcome)		COMPLIANT All items comply - Accreditation maintained.	
		CONDITIONAL COMPLIANCE Minor, rectifiable issues. Accreditation maintained once issues are rectified.	
		NON-COMPLIANT LEVEL 1 Major issues to address. Accreditation on-hold. Re-audit required	
		NON-COMPLIANT LEVEL 2 Major issues warranting deregistration and removal of accreditation. Further action may be warranted (including legal).	
Signed Auditor:		Print Full Name:	
		Date:	