

## NLIS and agistment – sheep

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The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) allows sheep to be tracked down during a disease outbreak or if chemical residues are found in meat.

This is vitally important as it allows authorities, such as DPI and RLPBs, to know:

- which sheep may have been involved, and
- where those sheep are.

This helps us to stop the problem quickly and reduce the effects of that disease or residue on the sheep industry and the wider community.

This means that accurate information must be available about where the sheep are at all times.

*The information required is about where sheep are, not about who owns them.*

### Tagging

All sheep must have NLIS tags before being sent on agistment.

These tags are to be:

- breeder tags for sheep born on your property, or
- the tags the sheep had when you purchased them for brought in sheep, or
- pink post-breeder tags for sheep brought in that didn't have tags or that have lost their tags.

Sheep that are brought in may be tagged again with pink post-breeder tags for your property. The original tags must not be removed.

Any sheep born on the agistment property must be tagged with the breeder tags of the agistment property.

Any sheep that lose their tags while on the agistment property must be tagged with the agistment property's pink post-breeder tags.

*It doesn't matter who owns the sheep – the tags are for the property, not the owner.*

Warning: Not complying with NLIS tagging requirements can result in severe penalties.

### Paperwork

Sheep must travel with the following documents:

- A National Sheep Health Statement and either
  - A National Vendor Declaration and Waybill (NVD)
- or
- A Transported Stock Statement

that have been filled out correctly and completely.

You must record all of the PICs on the ear tags of the sheep on the NVD in the 'Brand / Ear tag / PIC' column.

Warning: Not providing the correct information on an NVD can result in severe penalties.

### Property Identification Codes (PIC)

You will need to know:

- Your property identification code (PIC), and
- The PIC of the agistment property.

### Buying sheep and sending them straight to an agistment property

You must provide the selling agent with the PIC of the agistment property, not your own PIC.

### Selling sheep straight off an agistment property

When selling sheep straight off an agistment property, you must provide an NVD for the agistment property (with the PIC of the agistment property). You cannot use your own property's NVD.

You must record all of the PICs on the ear tags of the sheep on the NVD in the 'Brand / Ear tag / PIC' column.

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