



NSW OVINE BRUCELLOSIS ACCREDITATION SCHEME

OWNER AGREEMENT

Owner(s)

Property Name and Address.....

..... Property identification code (PIC):

Postal Address

Telephone No. Fax. No.

Stud Name(s)Breed(s).....

Stud Prefix(es).....Flock No(s)

I hereby apply to have the above flock(s) placed on the list of accredited ovine brucellosis free flocks. I undertake to provide all information about the property and the history of the flock relative to ovine brucellosis to my approved veterinarian and further, I agree to abide by the following conditions.

THE PROPERTY:

1. For initial accreditation, the property and its management will be the subject of a written report by the nominated approved veterinarian. A plan of the property shall be provided to the veterinarian.
2. All fencing of the property boundary and ram paddocks must be maintained to a sheep proof standard. Satisfactory facilities have to be available to isolate rams from other groups of sheep and for the testing and examination of rams. Property facilities and stock security must be maintained to this standard and may be subject to inspection by the veterinarian or the Department at any reasonable time.
3. The nominated veterinarian will be immediately advised if accredited ewes or rams come into contact with any sheep from non-accredited flocks (e.g. strays onto or off the accredited property).

THE RAMS:

4. All rams over ten months of age must be permanently identified to the satisfaction of the veterinarian. A list of all rams and teasers on the property, together with their age and origin shall be provided to the veterinarian on request.
5. All rams, including teasers and stags, are to be accounted for at each test and all eligible rams must be presented to the veterinarian for blood sampling and/or manual examination as required.
6. All rams considered to be infected following manual examination or blood test must be isolated immediately. No reactor or suspect infected ram will be destroyed unless directed by the approved veterinarian.

INTRODUCTIONS INTO THE FLOCK:

- 7. Rams will only be returned from shows or sales where all sheep are from accredited free flocks.
- 8. Rams, teasers or semen from an accredited free flock can be introduced to the property without extra testing. Non-accredited rams and teasers require two negative blood tests and manual examinations at an interval of not less than 60 days while in approved isolation. They also require a certificate from a veterinarian that brucellosis is not known to be present in the flock of origin.
- 9. Ewes introduced from non-accredited flocks must be kept isolated. If non pregnant, they cannot be joined for 1 month. If pregnant, they have to be lambed in isolation and not re-joined for 4 months. Ram lambs shall be tested prior to mixing with other ram groups.
- 10. Semen from non-accredited rams must not be used in the flock unless it comes from rams which have had 2 negative blood tests 60-120 days apart, the second no more than 14 days before semen collection. They must also have a veterinary certificate stating there is no suspicion of brucellosis in the flock of origin.

AGISTMENT:

- 11. Rams are not to be depastured on any land other than that inspected by the veterinarian and described in the property map supplied for initial accreditation. The veterinarian must be consulted before any rams are taken on agistment to allow property inspections to be undertaken. This includes the use of ram depots.

BREAKDOWNS:

- 12. Immediate notification must be given to the veterinarian if any suspicion of the disease occurs.
- 13. Where a genuine breakdown occurs, all relevant information must be disclosed to the veterinarian to enable the source of infection to be identified.
- 14. All recent ram purchasers (over a period of time determined after consultation with my veterinarian) will be notified of the breakdown.

SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION:

- 15. Accreditation will be **suspended** where;
 - (i) positive or infected animals are found at any test or examination, or
 - (ii) testing is 1 month overdue, or
 - (iii) the approved veterinarian is unable to recommend re-accreditation, or
 - (iv) the approved veterinarian provides a report that conditions have been breached.
- 16. Accreditation of the flock will be **cancelled** where;
 - (i) the owner advises they no longer wish to participate in the scheme, or
 - (ii) there has been no report of testing within 3 months of the due date, or
 - (iii) the approved veterinarian recommends cancellation.

Dated at this day of 20.....

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Signature of Owner

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Signature and Name of Veterinarian