

an Australian company that understands our weather conditions, markets, traceability, biosecurity and contactable IT support. Software programs are able to store information, analyse data and generate production and financial summaries.

All properties vary and everyone has a different goal for their enterprise, so it may be easier to come up with your own Recording Template. On the internet you can find some great examples of 'Animal Record Keeping Templates' and some of these can be downloaded and used or altered to fit your purpose.

Goat Record Keeping Templates that may be useful for your farm include:

- Medical records/ Treatment Records
- Breeding Spreadsheets
- Kidding Records
- Buck progeny Records
- Management Calander

Record Keeping is a key component to managing an efficient farm. Records are needed for legal, financial, taxation purposes as well as analyzing the business, monitoring day-to-day activities and future planning. If you have any further questions on Recording Keeping then please drop me an email at kylie.greentree@lls.nsw.gov.au

Chemical Traceback to Goats in the Hunter

Last month I was contacted by the DPI State Residue Coordinator with regards to a trace of Closantel in a goat's liver from a rendering facility. As most of you are aware, there are very few drenches that are registered in goats so those that are not registered in goats must not be detected at all!

The purpose of meat and offal residue testing is to ensure that food commodities are safe for human consumption and exportation.

When a chemical is detected in meat and it exceeds the Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) then the State Residue Coordinator from the DPI will contact the Local Land Services to investigate what has occurred.

The MRL for Closantel in sheep is 5mg/kg in offal and 2mg/kg in meat. These goats had a level of 0.66mg/kg in the liver and would certainly have been an acceptable level in sheep but because it is not a registered product in goats then there cannot be any Closantel detected at all. **The MRL for Closantel in goats is 0mg/kg.**

The producer increased the drench dose rate on the bottle but unfortunately had not increased the With Holding Period (WHP) at the same time. Most of you are aware that goats metabolize drenches faster than sheep, and consequently **under veterinary prescription** it is advised to increase the dose rate and WHP. This **depends on the type of drench** and it is **very** important to have veterinary guidance and a prescription.

If you require the use of an unregistered drench in your goats, please contact your Private Veterinarian or District Veterinarian for recommendations or otherwise only use registered products prior to slaughter and ensure you have waited the WHP.

References:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/beef-cattle/management/business-management/record-keeping-mgt>

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