

Definitions, Background and Guidelines

for the National Wool Declaration and Woolclasser's Specification forms

Age/Shearing	Code	Breed	Code	Sex	Code
1st Shearing	1	Merino	M	Ewes	E
2nd Shearing to 2 yrs	2	Afrino	FO	Wethers	W
3 years	3	Dohne	MD	Rams	R
4 years	4	SAMM	MS	Mixed (E/W/R)	M
5 years	5	Corriedale	CD		
6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8...	Crossbred	XB		
Mixed (e.g. 3 to 5 yrs)	3 - 5	Downs	DN		
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		Carpet Wool	CW		

Definitions

1 Ceased Mulesing	Any sheep born on this property in the last 12 months must not be mulesed at the time of this shearing and there must be no intention to mules in the future.
2 Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. Source: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (draft).
3 Pain Relief	A "Yes" must only be applied to the actual mobs of sheep that were mulesed using a recognised Pain Relief product.
4 Record of Chemical Use	If Yes (Y), details of mob, date, purpose and type and amount of chemical(s) must be recorded. If chemicals are not used, a record of this must also be kept.
5 Contact with Shedding Breeds	Mated to, or run in the same paddock as shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.
6 Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).

Background to the National Wool Declaration (NWD)

- Information provided in the NWD is the responsibility of the Owner/Manager.
- The Owner/Manager **must sign** the Declaration.
- By completing this Declaration, the Owner/Manager acknowledges that:
 - The Vendor's agent will catalogue the wool based on the statements you make, and buyers will in turn rely on those statements.
 - This Declaration may be subject to **random audit or inspection** as part of the NWD-Integrity Program.
- Note:** If either the DMFR or Mulesing Sections are left blank for any mob, then Not Declared will be applied to the lines of wool.

Guidelines for the Completion of the National Wool Declaration (NWD)

- Determine the order of shearing **prior to** completing the NWD. This should ensure that:
 - Mobs of a different Mulesing Status can be kept separate,
 - Mobs with a higher Dark and Medullated Fibre risk are shorn last, and/or
 - The wool from mobs with similar characteristics can be combined as required, especially; for example, oddment lines.
- In the Mob Numbers column of the Classer's Specification, the **Woolclasser MUST list ALL Mob Numbers** used to make up each line of wool. This applies to both fleece and oddment lines.