

NEWS SHEET



MOHAIR
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September 2006

INFORMATION THAT MOHAIR PRODUCERS NEED TO KNOW

What's On...

2006 Annual General Meeting and Industry 'Showcase'

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(See Map with this issue)
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October 2006

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November 2006

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South African Mohair Sale 5th September 2006

Courtesy Cape Mohair and Wool Website

**Adults fell 7.0%, Kids fell 8.3%
and Young Goats fell 3.9%**

In spite of a downward trend in the price of mohair of all age groups, the average price on today's sale is still 15% higher than the price level of the corresponding auction a year ago. (Take note that the Rand has weakened by more than 15% over this period.) Although this declining price indicates towards a more limited demand in the market place at this stage, it is still too early to consider this as the onset of a downward slide in demand.

Today's sale analysis is as follows: The price of kid mohair decreased by 8.6% with a market indicator of R97.41/kg (AUD \$18.00/kg) and a sale clearance of 98%; young goat hair decreased by 3.9% with a market indicator of R72.74/kg (AUD \$13.44/kg) and a sale clearance of 100% and prices of adult mohair decreased by 7% with a market indicator of R58.68/kg (AUD \$10.85/kg) and a sale clearance of 100%. This brought the overall sale clearance to 99% and the overall market indicator to R68.73/kg, which is a decrease of 6.8%.

Market Outlook

Although a downward trend in the price of all fineness groups indicates a more limited demand for mohair, it is still too early in the season to make an accurate forecast. A more accurate prediction will be made after the next sale. Yet, kid mohair is totally under priced at the moment so that increased demand and (increased) prices are not impossible.

The next sale of the season will take place on 19 September 2006.

So reports Pierre van der Vyver, Manager Mohair, CMW.

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BOARD ENDORSES AGM MOTIONS.....

At a recent meeting of the Mohair Australia Board the National Executive voted to endorse the motions to be put to the Annual General Meeting by NSW Division. These motions relate to a dramatic change in the election process for the National Executive and the future of the Trader Division, and should be understood by all members, prior to voting.

The Board asks all members to carefully read the motions to be put and either attend the meeting to vote or return the proxy form included prior to Friday 13th October to the Company Secretary.

For questions relating to the motions please contact your state representative—(See Page 2)

News from the Regions and Divisions

From MICK DOAK—Western Australia

CHALLENGES OF GOING INTO GOATS

We have heard and read quite a few times over the last month or two, of the way the Australian goat industry is going from strength to strength, particularly from a meat and live export point of view. From the enquiries we have had many existing farmers are looking at this industry and of ways of entering into it. As mentioned on previous occasions we have seen a steady traffic of people going into and out of goats for as long as I can remember. There are of course many out there that will try anything, and as the old saying goes are always 'chasing rainbows' but many who have tried give up for one reason or another.

The following are a few of the challenges that have had an effect on people's departure from the goat industry and must be addressed.

Fencing: Goats don't respect poor fencing so before you take delivery of your animals make sure your fencing, which may have kept sheep in, in the past, is upgraded to a goat proof one. Most goats will try and go under a fence so the bottom wire needs to be tight and close to the ground. Electric outriggers 30cm from and existing sheep ring lock and 30 cm above the ground will stop most escapees. The most common reason for people getting out of goats is that they cannot keep them out of their neighbour's property.

Destruction of trees and bush: Goats love and need roughage more than most other farm animals. Studies have shown that the need for roughage, a lack of minerals and boredom are the main reasons for their destructive habit when it comes to trees and bush, particularly on small holdings. If you have trees or a stand of bush you don't want to be destroyed then the only way to prevent this is to fence them off. The feeding of hay and minerals throughout the year, but particularly through the winter and spring periods, seems to help with the problem.

Foxes and Eagles: There is nothing more soul destroying than to see new born kids half eaten by foxes, and to a lesser extent for most of us, from eagles, after you have spent good money on breeders and management throughout the year. This is a major challenge for the meat Goat industry as your income from the female that loses its offspring for the year has been kept to nothing for that year. At least if a Fibre producing animal like an Angora or a Cashmere goat can be shorn, you can have some income for the year.

There are several things that can be used to eliminate or reduce the effect of foxes and other predators on your herd. Some things work for many breeders, while some don't, and they include baiting, protective animals (including dogs, alpacas, donkeys etc), fencing and shooting. A combination of baiting and alpacas seems to be the best method used by most growers we speak to here in WA.

We feel that the above three challenges are the main ones facing the Goat industry at present but others like a lack of shearers (for those in the Mohair Industry) unseasonably bad weather at kidding

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STOCK & LAND August 31, 2006

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Pointers to profit

- ◆ BUY SRS bucks to maximise fleece returns
- ◆ BAIT paddocks before kidding to reduce fox predation
- ◆ PROVIDE adequate shelter during kidding
- ◆ FLEECE test young does to measure genetic gain
- ◆ SPRAY TOP pastures to minimise vegetable matter in fleece

BY CATHERINE MILLER

ANGORA goats make an attractive on-farm enterprise, with mohair fibre nudging \$15 a kilogram and prices for wether and surplus doe meat meeting unprecedented demand.

Just ask Mallee commercial breeders and advocates John and Marilyn Smith, Parrakie, whose mohair returns doubled between 2002 and 2005 while their wool income dropped 25 per cent in the same period.

And with the dry sheep equivalent rating of goats only 75pc of Merinos, John said this worked out to nearly \$85/sheep equivalent.

In 2000, there were just 30 does on the Smiths' Eechungga property, but using Jim Watts' soft rolling skin (SRS) breeding principles, John said he had renewed enthusiasm and was celebrating his 30th year breeding Angoras.

Eechungga's average income last financial year was more than \$63 a goat shorn (including kids and adult goats), with an average cut of about 4.5kg/head.

One of 14 national SRS herds, the Smiths have a breeding herd of 250 goats with plans to lift this in the next five years to be between 1000 and 1200 does.

"The group's aim is to breed Angoras that will produce animals with a high fleece

weight which is uniform and a superior finer fibre and also longer and softer," Mr Smith said.

They are aiming for fleece under 30 microns in adults or 22-23M in yearlings, which he said was about eight microns finer than the average traditional herd. He was impressed by the improvement in fleece after only the first cross.

Unlike Boer goats, Angoras are seasonal breeders (February-July) and mated from April-May to kid from early September.

Kidding percentages between 90pc and 100pc are achieved. Mr Smith hopes to

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Get rich quick schemes fail

DURING the height of the Angora goat's popularity in the 1980s, John Smith (pictured) said it was damaged by those seeking to get rich quick and hobby farmers lacking commercial understanding of the mohair industry.

With less demand for stronger mohair types and low prices in the late 1980s a world mohair stockpile developed. Australia's production peaked in 1986 at one million kilograms.

But now a severe shortage of the luxury fibre – noted for its tremendous lustre, soft handle, light weight and dye-ability – is producing boom times.

Australia's mohair production is only about 300,000kg.

"Like wool, there was a mohair stockpile but unlike wool, prices have been steadily rising since that was sold off," Mr Smith said.

"There are still not a lot into goats, with world production right down, and a change in fashion in Europe has seen more mohair used in knitting yarns."

Two NSW-based marketing organisations broker the clip – Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation at Narrandera and National Mohair Pool at Cudal, with both presenting bulk classed (or pooled) fibre, the majority of which has objective certification of weight, fineness, yield and vegetable fault content.

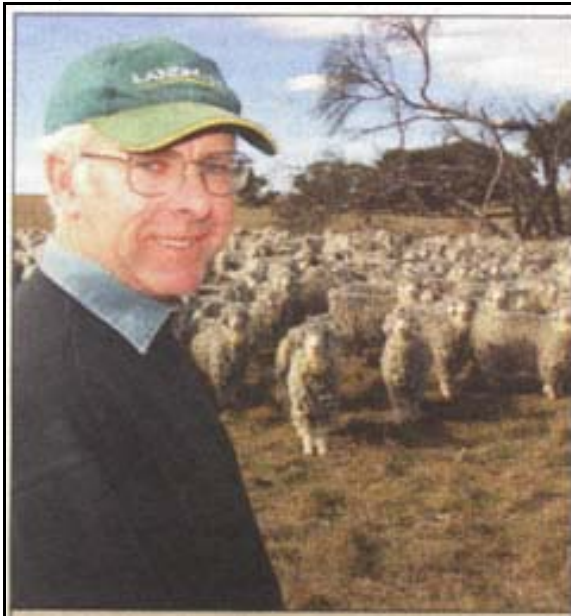
Eechungga sells through AMMO's quarterly sales, averaging \$13.10/kg at the last sale and \$16.70/kg at the previous sale.

Across the industry, the fibre ranges from about 23 microns on young kids, blowing out to as much as 40 microns in older animals.

There is a diverse range of uses.

Major markets are South Africa, France and the United Kingdom.

Kid mohair is used in knitwear, intermediate diameter mohair (often referred to as young goat) is used in suiting materials while the stronger adult or fine hair types are used in coating and rug manufacture.



Photos and story supplied by Catherine Miller of the SA Stock Journal and the Vic Stock and Land Newspapers.

John Smith, Eechungga Mohair in Parrakie South Australia and some of his herd of 250 angora does.



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push this to 120pc and said it is vital foxes are baited, treed shelter areas are available and kids are not dropped during cold, wet months.

"Increasing kidding is the best way to increase quality and numbers," he said.

All of Eechungga's bucks are supplied from Keith Cowen's successful Yarran Park Angora stud, Weethalle, NSW. He was one of the instigators of the use of SRS in goats after being involved with Dr Watts in his Merino stud.

To maximise conception rates, Mr Smith said one buck was placed with 60 to 70 does for a six-week joining period, with bucks used for about three years.

The goats are shorn in February and August with mohair growing at 25 millimetres each month. Shearers are able to de-fleece the herd with the same comb and cutters used to shear sheep.

But with increasing staple length from SRS breeding, the Smiths may have to consider shearing three times each year.

Some leading interstate breeders are already doing this on some goats. Staple length is about 160mm at the moment with some up to 180mm.

Being placid, inquisitive animals, Mr Smith said he found goats easier to handle in the yards and load than sheep. They were also often unfairly accused of being hard on fences and could be contained in any paddock suitable for crossbred lambs.

Fences need to be well-strained, with a barb on the bottom wire about 75mm off the ground to prevent goats pushing under, then tight grip cyclone and another barb on the top of the fence to give a height of 1.1 metres.

Goats are also less prone to fly-strike and less selective foragers than sheep.

They will clean up summer weeds in cropping programs, including melons and saffron thistles.

Despite this, Mr Smith said goats responded well to high-protein diets, delivering better mohair returns. To improve their overall nutrition, he has been trialling a mineral mix from Compass Farm Feeds available ad lib in the paddock.

The main management downside to goats over sheep is their increased susceptibility to worms, but with regular faecal egg testing the Smiths hope to reduce drenching from three times to twice each year.

Goat is the most widely consumed meat in the world and an important part of Hindu and Muslim faiths, producing another important income stream for Eechungga.

Wethers are retained until after their fourth shearing at two years of age when they are sold over the hooks to a Waikerie abattoir.

However, with booming mohair prices, Mr Smith said he was considering keeping them longer.

A 30kg wether fetches between \$30 and \$35 and the market is also strong for cull does with Eechungga's sale goats averaging \$33 in 2005.

The Smiths also run a 23-micron average self-replacing Merino flock of 350 ewes on their 1930-hectare property, which includes 600ha of native vegetation.

Their wool income for July 2005 was nearly \$25 a head, with surplus hogget ewes returning \$85. At the Lamerloo off-shears sale last October their shorn wether lambs made \$40, much less than in September 2004 when the Smiths sold unshorn Merino wether lambs for \$73.50.

Two hundred hectares of malted barley and wheat are also cropped on Eechungga, in conjunction with renovation pastures of veldt grass and clovers with some lucerne.

The following is a letter to the Editor of the LAND Newspaper—August 31, 2006.

Go goats

SIR: At last month's NSW Farmers Association annual conference. Meat and Livestock Australia managing director, David Palmer, claimed goat meat was Australia's best-kept secret.

Later, Federal Agriculture Minister, Peter McGauran, said "goats have the potential to become another of the great success stories of Australian agriculture after having once been considered a pest".

The tremendous quantity of red meat protein being produced by goats and kangaroos in the western areas of NSW and Queensland is bringing great prosperity to the inland town of Charleville, Qld, and leading to an influx of workers and an increasing population.

Queensland Wildlife Society president, Des Boyland, was recently reported as acknowledging the pressure the selective grazing habits of roaming kangaroos were

placing on native pastures, while goats can be contained behind wire and the pressure on native grasses can be managed.

In 1882, George Morrison walked from Normanton, on the Gulf of Carpentaria, to Geelong via the Cooper Creek and Wilcannia on the Darling - 3300 kilometres - and "saw not one kangaroo" (Geoffrey Blainey, *Black Kettle and Full Moon*, p117). Morrison crossed country where today they can be counted in the tens of thousands.

If western graziers could be encouraged to control the plague of kangaroos which is leading to the desertification of vast areas of Australia, we would witness the return of the native grasses which made inland Australia so prosperous.

Now our rangeland goat's economic value is recognised, graziers can see the viability of controlled grazing systems and, if the right encouragement is given, not only will population drift be arrested, but there will be a more balanced, natural environment which can be sustained.

BOB MUIR,
"Kingsmill",
Quirindi NSW

Notice

Please be advised that the article and photographs in the August News Sheet re the "GIG" launch held at Geoff and Juliana Neve's property in WA were supplied by G. Pfitzner. Also I would like to apologise to all the other people who, over the years, have not been acknowledged for their stories and photographs that have appeared in our news sheets.

South African Mohair Producers Find Much To Like In U.S. Visit

Extract from report written by Colleen Schreiber – Livestock Weekly – San Angelo Texas, USA

Optimism and opportunity were words that continually came up in conversation with a contingency of international guests representing the South African mohair industry here recently.

Angora goat breeders Clive Van Hasselt and Arthur Short were here representing Mohair South Africa, along with Mohair South Africa's general manager Frans Loots. The delegation was hosted by the Mohair Council of America. MCA has made three separate trips to South Africa over the last 10 years, but this was the first time in some 20 years that the South Africans had been to Texas.

During their 10-day tour of the Texas Angora goat industry, the growers had an opportunity to interface with producers. They visited several registered as well as commercial operations. They also attended some registered breeders' sales and had the opportunity to visit research facilities as well.

Van Hasselt says he learned rather quickly that Angora goats and mohair have a deeply entrenched heritage in Texas. He also saw over and over the passion of the Texas producers, and he and his fellow South Africans found that passion to be a common thread that connects Angora goat producers in Texas to those in South Africa.

The mohair industry in South Africa, an overall small part of the nation's economy, is centered in the south-eastern portion of the country some 250 miles out from Port Elizabeth. Van Hasselt is not inherently from the land, but Angora goats and the mohair fiber have interested him most of his adult life. He came to the industry via the labor sector of the small stock industry. He became knowledgeable about the Angora goat while working for some of the larger commercial producers. That experience exposed him to a way of life to which he was attracted. Some 25 years ago he was able to acquire some land and at the same time bought remnants of the oldest registered stud operation in South Africa, the Cawood stud. Today Van Hasselt operates two stud operations, Gannahoek Angora Stud and the Zwartberg Angora Stud, independently of one another on private land outside of Prince Albert, some four hours northwest of Port Elizabeth. He runs only registered animals. All told, he has 1000 nannies and sells about 300 registered bucks a year. "I find the animals fascinating and rewarding, and the mohair industry has been very good to me," Van Hasselt remarks.

That's not to say he hasn't experienced his share of tough times. He remembers well when he couldn't sell adult hair for 75 cents, even 50 cents."

Unlike Van Hasselt, Arthur Short is from the land. In fact, he grew up on the property that he now operates. For longer than he can remember, Angora goats have been a part of the family operation. Short has been a stud breeder going on 25 years now, but more importantly he's always been a commercial producer of mohair. He runs 400 registered nannies and another 1400 commercial nannies. He sells about 120 registered bucks annually. He's a regionally large producer but not one of the largest. A large operation in South Africa might run anywhere from 7000 to maybe 22,000 head of goats, or on the fiber side some 50,000 to 100,000 kilos a year of mohair (100,000-plus pounds).

Short's property is a two-hour drive from Port Elizabeth. His land is primarily native range with just a bit of irrigation. He raises Merino sheep as well as his Angora goats and cattle, though he can run more Angora goats per unit of land compared to sheep and cattle. In South Africa, he figures it takes at least 2000 Angora goats to make a living for one family.

He does an analysis every year, looking at the return per animal unit. Angora goats, Short says, have never been beaten by the other two classes of livestock.

Beginning in the 1990s South African growers began breeding for a bigger animal carrying a little less density of mohair, not necessarily less weight, Short notes, as well as an animal that could survive out on the range. Today the South African Angora, Van Hasselt insists, is a more functionally efficient animal in that it can rear its progeny and still produce an acceptable amount of mohair under range conditions.

Besides the commonality of passion for the mohair industry and the Angora goat, the South African contingency also learned that they face many of the same challenges as the Texas producers. The primary challenges are market volatility, increasing labor costs, increasing land prices, and a change in land use in the traditional Angora goat producing areas, specifically a shift from agricultural production to game farms and an expansion in national parks. And like in Texas, that shift has magnified the predator problem.

Also like here, all of these factors impact overall production costs. Their shearing costs, Short notes, have particularly increased, and while there is not really a shortage of labor in South Africa, the changes in labor laws mean their labor force is not nearly as cheap as it once was.



Clive Van Hasselt

To be continued next month

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Have you sold any goats privately this last financial year 2005-2006????

Have you forwarded the transaction levy payable to the Levies Revenue Service(LRS)???

If you have not, an Annual Return of Cattle and Livestock/ Purchased /Sold/Delivered form, is enclosed.

The Statutory levy of **.0377cents** is **NOT** optional . It is imposed under the Primary Industries and Charges Collection Act 1991, Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999 National Residue Survey (Excise) Levies Act 1998 and associated legislation.

You need to complete section 5 relating to goats (see below) and

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Who receives the levy revenue from LRS

Meat and Livestock Australia(MLA) Research and Development R&D)...\$0.105

MLA Marketing\$0.167

Animal Health Australia.....\$0.045

National Residue Survey.....\$0.06

Levy collected for the period 2005/06 was dispersed in the following amounts:

MLA R & D \$136,987

MLA Marketing \$218,001

Animal Health Australia \$ 58,710

National Residue Survey \$ 78,143

TOTAL COLLECTED

\$491,842

Category 5 – Goats

Type	Levy no.	(i) Total Goats Purchased/Sold/ Delivered	(ii) Exempt Transactions*	(i) - (ii) = (iii) Total no. of Leviable Goat Transactions	(iv) Rate of Levy per head \$	(iii) x (iv) Levy Payable \$
Goats	112	02a	02	01		I
*Exemptions				Sub-total Live-stock (C to I)		J
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 day rule – must have a levy Exemption Certificate; or exemptions applicable to processors own stock – proof required. 				Grand Total Paid (A + B + J)		

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The number of goat transactions to which these levies related classified by type are as follows:

Goat Transactions Total	1,561,175 animals
Goat Annual Transaction Total	3,109 animals
Live stock export goats	1,602 animals
Live animal export	41,883 animals

(Information supplied by Levies Revenue Service LRS)

If there were **6522 angoras** sold in Australia in the 2005/06 financial year our industry would have contributed \$2459 to the \$491,842 total levy collected, which equates to 0.5%.

GICA Update National goat ID trial

The Goat Industry Council of Australia (GICA) has asked Meat & Livestock Australia to assess the performance of ear tags when used on goats in a range of production and geographic conditions.

The trial will be funded by the Commonwealth Grant provided to facilitate the implementation of the NLIS (Sheep and Goats)

Tag retention will be the primary focus of the trial however information on readability will also be collected.

Trial structure

It is expected that the trial will involve:

- Approximately 5 different tags to achieve a selection of typically used devices.
- 800 goats per tag spread over properties that represent dairy, meat and fibre goat enterprises.
- The properties will represent intensive and pastoral environments; a minimum of two dairy goat properties (one commercial and one stud); one commercial fibre goat property; and two meat goat properties (one intensive and one extensive).

Management

MLA is working closely with GICA in the development of the trial which will run initially for 12 months. The trial will be managed by Doug McNaught (a QDPI&F officer seconded to MLA) who currently manages the NLIS (Sheep) trials.

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Weethalle Show 19/8/06

RESULTS

Judge: Keith Cowen

Champion Buck: *Kimba*

Reserve Champion Buck: *Kimba*

Champion Doe: *Willow Glen Yasmisha*

Reserve Champion Doe: *Willow Glen Yasrhoda*

SUPREME ANGORA: *Willow Glen Yasmisha*

Champion Mohair Fleece: *Willow Glen*

Most Successful Exhibitor: *Willow Glen*



Angora Paraders at West Wyalong



Supreme Champion Angora and Champion Doe 'Willow Glen Yasmisha' with students from West Wyalong High School and Judge, Keith Cowen at Weethalle Show.

West Wyalong Show 6/9/2006

RESULTS

Judge: Justine Hall

Champion Doe: *Willow Glen Rahstella*

Reserve Champion Doe: *Willow Glen Yasmisha*

Supreme Angora: *Willow Glen Rahstella*

Pen of two Angoras: *Kimberley Barrett*

Champion Mohair Fleece: *Willow Glen*

Most Successful Exhibitor: *Willow Glen*

Angora Paraders: 1st *Sally Pokoney*
2nd *Annabeth Hazara*
3rd *Tegan Schmidt*
4th *Kirri Thomas*
Most Improved: *Letitia Schmidt*

Angora Junior Judging: 1st *Matthew Black*
2nd *Sarah Lindner*
3rd *Emma Rowatt*
4th *Melina Wherry*

(See picture at right of winners in the Junior Judging with Judge, Justine Hall)



Champion and reserve Champion Does at West Wyalong



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Goodwin Freight Services. 6 Opal St. Regency Park. Adelaide

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Handy Websites for Goat Producers:

Animal Health Australia

www.animalhelathaustralia.com.au

contains information about National livestock diseases and animal health issues.

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC)

www.rirdc.gov.au

Contains reports on research projects relative to our industry

Meat and Livestock Australia

www.mla.com.au

Contains information relative to livestock marketing and research

Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

www.daff.gov.au

Contains on product integrity, animal and plant health, rural policy and innovation, food and agri-business, levies and revenue service.

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS)

www.aqis.gov.au

Contains information regarding quarantine requirements.

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

www.dewr.gov.au

Contains information on the pastoral industry awards including shearing rates

Cape Mohair and Wool Sth Africa

www.cmw.co.za

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www.mohair.co.za

Texas Angora Goat Raisers Assn

<http://txangoragoat.com>

Goats on the Move

<http://www.mla.com.au/goats/eNewsArchive.htm>

This newsletter can be read on line or register for free and they will send it out on email as it is issued.

Shearers

The following people have indicated their willingness to shear angoras. Please let the office know of any more.

Ian Howell – Tasmania (will travel interstate)

03 6339 2806 or mobile 0427 139 199

Jack Alexander – Boorowa NSW – 02 6385 3087

Trevor King – Omeo Vic (will travel) - 03 5159 1415

Bert Adams – Holbrook NSW – 02 6020 5268

Michael Brigg – Condamine QLD – 07 4627 7274

Danny Horton—Leongatha VIC—03 5668 6308

Remember – if you only have a small number of animals to shear, coordinate shearing time with other local mohair producers to make it worthwhile for the shearer to travel to your area.

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Buyers of goats for slaughter

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PBM Prime Meats - Ph 02 6336 0460

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Victoria

National Goat Exchange – Ph 03 5439 7601 or 0418 559 773

Ascot Meats – Wodonga – Ph 02 6055 0263 or 0412 368 200

Game Meats Myrtleford – Ph 03 5756 2999

June Liddy – Ph 03 5382 2811

Jim Kyriakou – Ph 03 9807 4621

Russell – Ph 1300 733 644

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Pace Trading – Ph 0407 394 110

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Kerridale - Ph 07 4623 3336 Or 08 8582 1688 or 02 6892 4126

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Independent Livestock – Ph 08 9309 3225

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