

Completion of the National Wool Declaration (NWD)

- Determine the order of shearing **prior to completing the NWD**. It is recommended that:
 - Mobs with a higher Dark and Medullated Fibre risk are shorn last,
 - Mobs of a different Mulesing Status can be kept separate, and/or
 - The wool from mobs with similar characteristics can be combined as required especially; for example, oddment lines.
- To declare the DMFR and/or Mulesing Status for each mob (and line of wool):
 - **The Owner/Manager**, preferably in consultation with the Woolclasser, in the NWD Section, must:
 - Complete the **NWD Mob questions**.
 - Answer the question “**Has Mulesing Ceased on this Property** (i.e. no lamb born on this property in the last 12 months has been mulesed)? **YES** or **NO** (Tick Box)”
 - **Sign and date the declaration**.
 - **The Woolclasser**, in the central Specification section, must list **ALL Mob Numbers** used to make up each line of wool.
- **Note 1:** If Mulesing has ceased on the property, CM will be allocated to lines of wool from mobs that contain some (or all) mulesed sheep.
- **Note 2:** If the DMFR or Mulesing declaration is left blank or is incomplete, Not Declared (ND) will be recorded for these lines of wool.

Definitions and Codes

1 Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. <i>Source:</i> Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (draft).
2 Ceased Mulesing (CM)	Wool from sheep where the property has ceased mulesing. A mob may contain mulesed sheep; but no lamb born on this property in the last 12 months has been mulesed at the time of this shearing.
3 Non Mulesed (NM)	All sheep in this mob <u>have not been</u> mulesed.
4 Pain Relief (PR)	All sheep in this mob have been <u>mulesed using a registered Pain Relief product</u> . Each mob must be declared separately. Note: The NWD definition for PR applies at the <u>mob level</u> , not at the property level.
5 Mulesed (M)	<u>Some or all</u> of the sheep in this mob <u>have been</u> mulesed.
6 Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
7 Contact with Shedding Breeds	Mated to, or run in the same paddock as shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.

Background to the National Wool Declaration (NWD)

- Information provided in the National Wool Declaration 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 selling 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, and the results may be made available to the buyers of the declared wool and the selling agent.
 - I authorise the selling agent to submit this document to AWEX for the purpose of the Integrity Program.

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