

NLIS (Sheep and Goats) system

NLIS is Australia's system for livestock identification and traceability – for food safety, biosecurity, product integrity and market access purposes.

From July 2010, sheep and goat producers must ensure that livestock movements between properties are recorded on the database.

NVD / Waybill forms

When one or more sheep or goats move to a property with a different Property Identification Code (PIC), State law requires a travel document to accompany them, usually a National Vendor Declaration (NVD) or Waybill – see page 2 for more information about LPA NVD/Waybills.

Tags and traceability

Animals are identified with an NLIS ear tag before leaving their property of birth. The NLIS logo and PIC (Brand) are printed on the tag and the number is read visually. (In WA, bought-in sheep must also be identified by a pink post-breeder ear tag before being sold.)

Tags should remain with the animal for life but if lost, replace them with an NLIS breeder or pink post-breeder ear tag. Some tags contain RFID chips, but unlike the cattle system, it is not mandatory to scan individual animals. Producers who use RFID tags to identify sheep or goats may record the tag numbers on the database on a voluntary basis.

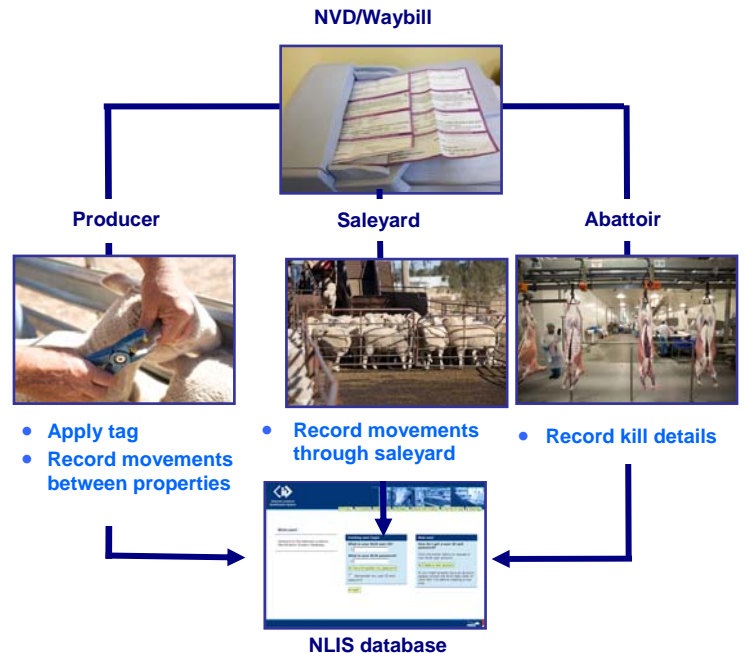
As sheep and goats move along the supply chain, producers, feedlots, saleyards, exporters and abattoirs use the NVD/Waybill details to record the movement on the database – species, number of animals in the mob, PICs they came from and went to, movement date and NVD number. An image of the NVD can be stored on the database for easy access.

Each PIC a mob resides on is stored on the database to establish a history of the mob's residency, and the animals the mob came into contact with. This helps State authorities to trace animals to manage a disease outbreak or chemical residue incident and ensure food safety.

Who records the movement?

From July 2010 you must record movements of animals between properties with different PICs. This includes movements to agistment properties, regardless of who owns or leases those properties.

Owners don't need to record a mob-based movement on the database if they buy or sell sheep or goats through a saleyard, send them direct to an abattoir, feedlot or export depot, or exhibit them at a show, as it will be done for them.



Notify the database of livestock movements

If you have a database account, do not open a new one.

1. Go to the database at www.nlis.mla.com.au
2. Login to the database with your user ID and password.
3. Tick the livestock types you produce.
4. Select the livestock type for this transaction.
5. Select what you want to do today

Which livestock do you want to work with?

I want to work with

What do you want to do today?

I want to

(Please select)

Account management

Change my types of livestock

View/edit my account details

Notify the database of:

Sheep and Goat mob-based movement off PIC

Sheep and Goat mob-based movement onto PIC

Reports

Mob-based movements summary

Movements off PIC by NVD

Movements onto PIC by NVD

Search the PIC Register

View large report results

View my transaction history

View/generate all reports

Note: If you don't have an account, to open one, you need a valid e-mail address and access to a computer.

1. Go to the database at www.nlis.mla.com.au
2. Click
3. Complete the account details form online.
4. Tick at the bottom if you agree to the Terms of Use.
5. Click to submit your application.

A user ID and password is usually issued within 7 days.

