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OUTCOMES FOR 2010-2012 NWD – INTEGRITY PROGRAM

Over the past 12 months, AWEX[#] has expanded the quality assurance applied to the National Wool Declaration (NWD) from one element to an extensive program. NWD desktop audits have been undertaken since August 2008; with on farm inspections and pain relief authentication added when the NWD – Integrity Program (NWD-IP) was initiated. The new components provide additional confidence to the buyers and processors who use the declaration to source wool.

Since September 2011, AWEX has undertaken 226 on farm inspections and 100 pain relief authentication (with 1231 desktop audits conducted in the same period). To be confident in the results, AWEX's Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC) agreed that it was best to gather a full set of data before making the details available to industry. Therefore, based on the results from the first year of the NWD-IP, find below a summary of the outcomes for desktop audits, pain relief (PR) authentication and on farm inspections.

In the next few weeks, individual buyers (and the seller) will be made aware of Non Compliance related to PR authentication and on farm inspections for any of their purchases. *Note:* Errors detected during a desktop audit are corrected prior to sale.

Outcomes from Desktop Audits

Number of Correct Desktop Audits by Season

	Number of Audits	Correct (Number)	Correct (Percent)
2008/2009	781	515	66%
2009/2010	944	650	69%
2010/2011	1,362	882	65%

Main Reasons for Incorrect Audit Result

	Number	Percent
Data entry error	245	51
Too old for PR (from August 2011, 6 yrs and younger eligible)	150	31
Documents not supplied by Seller or no NWD	35	8
Incomplete NWD or no Mob Details	28	6
NWD not Signed	11	2
Other reasons (no property identification, no link to sale lots)	11	2

Outcomes from Pain Relief Authentication

State Distribution of PR Authentication

	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
PR Authentication	37	3	14	5	24	17	100
% Australian Clip Declared PR (2010/2011)	45	1	16	2	24	12	100

Compliance for PR Authentication

	Number	Compliant	NC-Level 1*
PR Authentication	100	88	12

*Non Compliance Level 1 due to completing the NWD incorrectly or not responding to the request for documentation (i.e. tax invoice for purchase of Pain Relief product).

[#] Joint funding received from the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry from April 2010 to April 2011 to implement the on farm inspection and pain relief authentication components of NWD-IP.

Part funding received from Australian Wool Innovation for the period July 2009 to December 2009 to develop protocols for on farm mulesing inspection.

Outcomes for On Farm Inspections 2010/2011

State Distribution of On Farm Inspections

	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
Grower advised Mulesed Sheep in Mob (no inspection conducted)	4	1	3	0	3	1	12
On-Farm Inspections	115	16	13	10	44	16	214
Advised Mulesing & On Farm Inspections	119	17	16	10	47	17	226
% Advised Mulesing & On Farm Inspections	53	7.5	7	4	21	7.5	100%
% Australian Clip Declared NM/CM (2010/2011)	51	7	10	6	18	8	100%

Compliance for On Farm Inspections

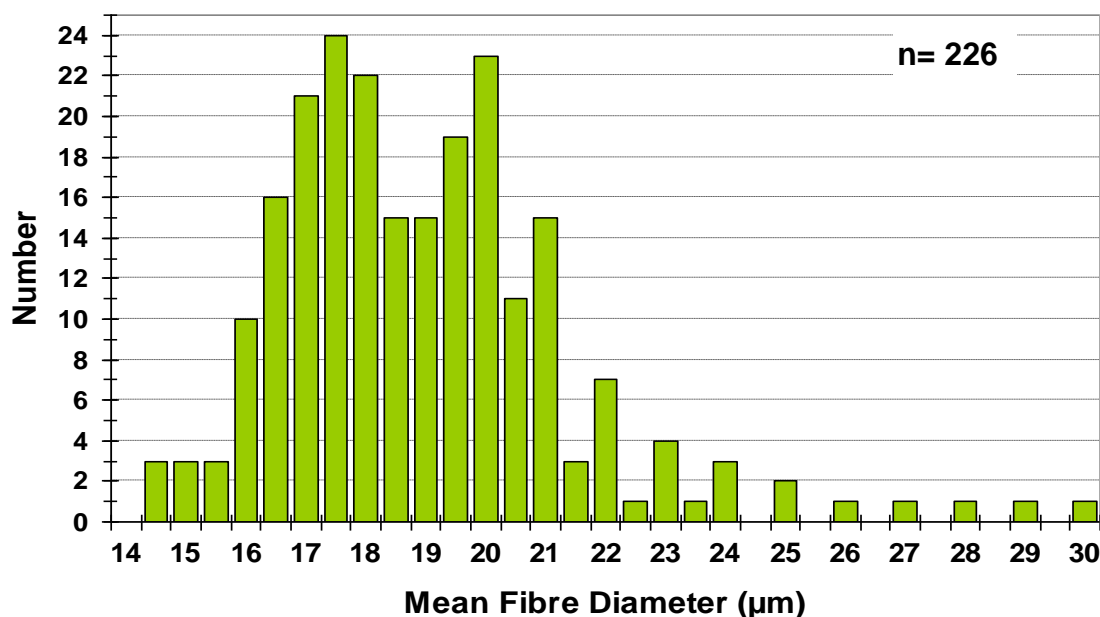
	Number	Compliant	NC Level 1 [#]	NC Level 2 ^{##}
Grower advised Mulesed Sheep in Mob (no inspection conducted)	12	0	12 [^]	0
On-Farm Inspections	214	191 (89%)	23 [^] (11%)	0
TOTAL	226	191 (85%)	35 (15%)	0

Non Compliance Level 1: a misunderstanding of the process, incorrect completion of NWD, greater than 1% strays in the declared mob (*with* an adequate explanation for their presence).

Non Compliance Level 2: a deliberate false Declaration, greater than 1% strays in the declared mob (*without* an adequate explanation), failing to submit to an Inspection (after a fair and reasonable attempt has been made to arrange it).

^ Mainly due to: filling the NWD out incorrectly, forgetting that older mulesed sheep were in mob at shearing, someone else completed NWD and Owner/Manager did not check, or not knowing sheep were mulesed (bought sheep).

MFD Distribution of On Farm Inspections



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