

# Risk and Action Template

## Extensive Sheep and Goats

Risk Identification Questions	Y/N	Action Required List 1-4 dot points	EXAMPLE; Action Required Right click on <a href="#">LINKS</a> for information and guidelines
1. Do you have a <b>list of contacts</b> to be used in times of crisis, including: EMERGENCY; fire/police/ambulance, SUPPORT; personal contacts, neighbours, professional, personal & financial counselling, local government, industry organisations?		1.	1. <b>If No</b> ; Develop list of contacts using <a href="#">List of Contacts Guide</a> provided for times of crisis guide provided and display in a prominent place.
2. Do you understand <b>your legal responsibility</b> in relation to <i>Duty of Care</i> for animals and possible legal consequences if you do not comply?		2.	2. <b>If No</b> ; Read; <i>1 Responsibilities</i> , page 8 of Australian Animal Welfare Australian Standards and Guidelines Standards and Guidelines for <a href="#">sheep &amp; goats</a> .
3. Do you have a <b>list of past and possible future crises</b> , and understand the <b>risk</b> of these crises occurring in your region and industry in the future?		3.	3. <b>If No</b> ; Identify and document past crises and possible future risks in your region, using; <a href="#">Possible Risks Resulting in Welfare Issues Extensive Sheep &amp; Goat, Land Transport of Livestock</a> and local professional advice to assist.
4. Do you have a <b>Risk Mitigation or Crisis Management Plan</b> in Place?		4.	4. <b>If No</b> ; Complete this Template and a simple <a href="#">Crisis Contingency Management Plan</a> will be developed. Also consider registering with an industry <a href="#">Quality Assurance Program (...)</a> .
5. Do you have a <b>Business Plan</b> in place, including a <b>farm map/plan</b> ?		5.	5. <b>If No</b> ; Use this Crisis Management Plan as the basis of simple Standard Operating Procedures or a <a href="#">Business Plan</a> and create a farm <a href="#">map/plan</a> .

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6. Is there <b>agreed emergency finance</b> available to manage future crises?		6.	6. <b>If No</b> ; Discuss with a <a href="#">Rural Financial Councillor</a> and a Financial Institution.
7. Is there an <b>animal health, nutrition, disease, parasite control, biosecurity and emergency management plan and vendor declaration program</b> in place? Are <b>veterinary advisors</b> involved in the development and implementation of these plans and staff training programs?		7.	7. <b>If No</b> ; Seek veterinary advice and develop an <a href="#">animal health (sheep)</a> , nutrition ( <a href="#">lamb feedlot</a> ), <a href="#">disease and parasite (...)</a> , <a href="#">biosecurity (...)</a> and <a href="#">emergency disease management plan (...)</a> , and <a href="#">vendor declaration</a> programs ( <a href="#">sheep</a> , <a href="#">goats</a> ).
8. Are <b>stock identified, monitored and animal health records</b> kept (disease, reproduction, treatments etc.)?		8.	8. <b>If No</b> ; Implement <a href="#">NLIS</a> identification system as a minimum as well as a <a href="#">health recording system</a> .
9. Are <b>stock vulnerable</b> to adverse environmental conditions and predation?		9.	9. <b>If Yes</b> ; Seek professional advice and implement <a href="#">extreme weather events and predation management</a> plan (key area 2, page 10).
10. Are <b>personnel and staff trained or experienced in animal husbandry</b> and management, health and welfare, including care in times of crisis, biosecurity, and acceptable stock humane killing procedures?		10.	10. <b>If No</b> ; Access <a href="#">staff management</a> , <a href="#">sheep</a> and <a href="#">goat husbandry (...)</a> , humane killing ( <a href="#">sheep</a> , page 30 and <a href="#">goats</a> , page 30) programs and <a href="#">train staff</a> , including, <a href="#">biosecurity</a> management in natural disasters ( <a href="#">Animal Welfare Guidelines</a> ) and <a href="#">recovery</a> .
11. Do you have a <b>destocking strategy</b> in place with triggers for feeding, agistment and/or reduce stock numbers and eventual destocking?		11.	11. <b>If No</b> ; Develop a <a href="#">destocking strategy</a> with feed supply and body condition triggers, to reduce stock numbers early in a crisis, and to totally destock if necessary.
12. Do <b>all staff understand the legal standards</b> in A. managing sheep and goats, especially in drought, and B. the health of sheep and goats to be transported off farm in drought?		12.	12. <b>If No</b> ; Familiarise all staff with <a href="#">sheep</a> and <a href="#">goats</a> Standards and Guidelines and <a href="#">Fit to Load</a> guidelines.
13. Are <b>stock monitored routinely</b> and effectively, especially near lambing and kidding?		13.	13. <b>If No</b> ; Upgrade monitoring in collaboration with neighbours ( <a href="#">kid rearing plan</a> )

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14. Is there an <b>agreed business intergenerational transition plan</b> in place that will ensure uninterrupted farm viability and positive animal welfare outcomes?		14.	14. <b>If No</b> ; Access a <a href="#">Rural Financial Councillor</a> and develop a <a href="#">Succession Plan</a> .
15. Do you access <b>long range weather forecasts</b> ?		15.	15. <b>If No</b> ; Gain access to the <a href="#">long range weather</a> and <a href="#">climate variability information</a> .
16. Do you conduct <b>land management, annual feed budgeting &amp; Body Condition Scoring</b> ?		16.	16. <b>If No</b> ; Implement <a href="#">Grazing Land Management (...)</a> , <a href="#">Feed Budgeting Tools</a> and <a href="#">Body Condition Scoring</a> to match future <a href="#">feed availability</a> with requirements and setting <a href="#">stocking rates (...)</a> , as well as examine forward feed purchasing options.
17. Are <b>stock watering facilities</b> reliable and well maintained and have the capacity to cope with dry times?		17.	17. <b>If No</b> ; Ensure <a href="#">watering facilities can cope with dry periods (managing farm water supplies)</a>
18. Is the <b>property secure</b> from unwanted people entry and sheep and goat escape?		18.	18. <b>If No</b> ; Ensure fencing is appropriate and secure, with valuable stock away from public view.
19. Are <b>contingency plans</b> in place for loss of management or operating personnel?		19.	19. <b>If No</b> ; Develop <a href="#">Human Resource Plan</a> that includes protocols for employing, inducting, communicating with, reviewing, rewarding, and motivating staff. Develop emergency plan (e.g. with neighbours) to mitigate the risk of sudden loss of staff.
20. Are you aware of the <b>signs</b> that will indicate that a <b>crisis is developing</b> ?		20.	20. <b>If No</b> ; Utilise the Crisis Management Contingency Plan to develop a strategy to flag a crisis that is immanent or developing.
21. Are you aware of <b>signs of stress</b> in yourself, family members and staff and actions to take when stress is becoming an issue?		21.	21. <b>If No</b> ; Read <a href="#">Managing Stress on Farms</a> , be aware of local counselling services, <a href="#">rural support services</a> , <a href="#">national mental health services</a> and implement actions as necessary.