

### AWEX SustainaWOOL™ Integrity Scheme Grower Checklist

This is a 'self-assessment' document. Declarants may be subject to random desktop and/or on-farm audits for the Checklist items listed below.

Wool growers who fulfil the requirements detailed in the Manual and Audit Checklist will receive **SustainaWOOL™** Integrity Scheme accreditation. Note, this document should be completed only after reading the **SustainaWOOL™** Integrity Scheme Manual and Audit Checklist issued separately.

Date Completed	Property Trading Name	Farm Brand	Full name of Owner / Operator	
Property Address (hereafter known as "the property")		Postal Address (if different to property address)		
Email Address	Phone	Mobile	Fax	
Broker / Brokers	SW Code (e.g. SW0123) if known		Bales produced annually (approx)	

### Grower Checklist (please tick box)

Please return completed and signed Grower Checklist to:

**Email:** [sustainawool@awex.com.au](mailto:sustainawool@awex.com.au) **Fax:** 02 8088 7944 **Post:** AWEX, PO Box 651, North Ryde BC NSW 2113

GENERAL INTRODUCTION	YES	NO	DECLARANT COMMENTS	
Have you received a copy of the AWEX <b>SustainaWOOL™</b> Integrity Scheme Manual and the Audit Checklist?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Have you read the AWEX <b>SustainaWOOL™</b> Integrity Scheme Manual and the Audit Checklist and understand the Scheme's requirements for accreditation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>WT = Working Towards This Outcome.</b>				
1. ANIMAL WELFARE / ANIMAL HEALTH	YES	NO	WT	DECLARANT COMMENTS
1.1 Has the owner and/or the manager of the property ever been successfully prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act applicable to your State or Territory (see Page 8, Section A, Item 1)? If YES, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.2 Sheep are regularly monitored for injury, health, predators and general well-being.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1.3 Corrective action is taken when sheep require treatment for, or relief from, pain and suffering (see Page 8, Section B, for examples of Corrective Actions).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1.4 On farm slaughter of sheep (for either domestic use or euthanasia of disease/injured animals) is carried out humanely and in such a way as to minimize prolonged pain and/or distress to the animal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.5 On farm slaughter is carried out by persons who have adequate instruction and display the skill to perform the operation correctly and humanely (see Page 8, Section A, Item 1).

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### ANIMAL WELFARE / ANIMAL HEALTH

YES NO WT

### DECLARANT COMMENTS

1.6 Only \*Registered Animal Health products are used (see Page 8, Section B).

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1.7 Records are kept of all Animal Health treatments (and are available on request).

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1.8 Correct doses of treatments have been administered as per written procedures and/or as directed by product manufacturer.

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1.9 Sheep are provided with adequate shelter such as trees and/or structures to mitigate mortality rates during extreme weather events.

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1.10 All reasonable preparation has been undertaken to protect from or minimise the effects of fire or flood on the property and its livestock.

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1.11 Adequate food and water is available for all sheep on the property to maintain good health.

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1.12 Sheepdogs are muzzled where necessary.

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1.13 Where sheep are to be held for long periods (i.e. shearing, transport or slaughter), deprivation from food or water is no longer than 24 hours.

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1.14 All sheep on the property are free to display all natural behaviours.

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1.15 Does all your wool clip come from sheep bred on the property (not including rams bred elsewhere)? If NO, please provide details of sheep not bred on the property.

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1.16 Is \*Mulesing carried out on the property (see Page 8, Section B)?

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1.17 If NO, when did Mulesing cease? FIRST YEAR of NO MULESING  NEVER MULESED (tick here)

1.18 If YES, is a registered \*Pain Relief product administered during the mulesing process (see Page 8, Section B)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Pain relief administered pre-procedure   
Pain relief administered post-procedure

1.19 If Pain Relief is applied at mulesing, when was it first used? YEAR  (Month if known)

1.20 If Pain Relief is used at mulesing, is 'proof of purchase' of the registered Pain Relief product available on request?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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1.21 Tail docking is carried out using rubber ring or hot (cauterising) knife methods only. Personnel performing this task must have adequate training and display proficient skill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If YES tick one: Hot (cauterising) knife <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber rings <input type="checkbox"/>
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1.22 Castration is carried out using rubber ring method only. Personnel performing this task must have adequate training and display proficient skill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2. TRACEABILITY	YES	NO	WT	DECLARANT COMMENTS
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2.1 All sheep on the property are identified with a secure form of identification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.2 Mobs are routinely monitored and their location on the farm known at all times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.3 The property participates in the MLA National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) (see Page 8, Section B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.4 Property is registered with a Property Identification Code (PIC). If YES, please quote PIC. <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.5 The property uses the MLA Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration System (LPA NVD) (see Page 8, Section B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.6 Property is compliant with all Animal Health treatment withholding periods.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.7 All fodder and supplements brought onto the farm are documented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.8 The National Wool Declaration (NWD) is completed for all mobs/wool from the property that is offered for sale.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.9 A Wool Book (or similar) is kept as a record of all bales for every shearing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.10 Bales are branded/marked with sufficient identification to ensure correct ownership and the integrity of contents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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2.11 A registered wool classer's stencil is applied to all bales (including oddments), as per the COP.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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3. ENVIRONMENTAL CARE / CHEMICAL HANDLING & STORAGE	YES	NO	WT	DECLARANT COMMENTS
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3.1 Has the owner and/or the manager of the property ever been successfully prosecuted under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act applicable to your State or Territory (see Page 8, Section A, Item 2)? If YES, please give details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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3.2 A Farm Chemical Users course has been completed by at least one person on this farm within the past five years and course completion records are available (see Page 8, Section A, Item 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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3.3 An inventory of chemicals is kept and is available (see Page 8, Section A, Items 3b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.4 All chemicals used for pasture and livestock treatments are safely and securely stored (lockable) and handled as per label instructions (see Page 8, Section A, Item 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3. ENVIRONMENTAL CARE / CHEMICAL HANDLING &amp; STORAGE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>DECLARANT COMMENTS</b>
3.5 All stock are excluded from the immediate areas around any rubbish facilities or disused dips on the property (if these do not exist on the property, also answer YES). If NO or working towards please give details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.6 Reasonable care has been taken to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.7 Hazardous substances are disposed of as required by law (e.g. Drum master recycling program).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.8 Total grazing pressure is managed on the property to support sustainable land use (e.g. vermin, pest and weed management, stock numbers managed in drought conditions etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.9 Regular soil tests are taken on property to monitor soil fertility and/or potential contamination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.10 This property is part of a local/state/national environmental group or similar (e.g. Landcare™), or it has certified management systems in place for environmental management (e.g. ISO 14000 Series).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.11 If YES, list group(s), scheme(s) or certifications.				
3.12 List any other relevant scheme(s)/action(s) of BEST PRACTICE undertaken on the property .				
<b>4. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>DECLARANT COMMENTS</b>
4.1 Has the owner and/or manager of the property been successfully prosecuted under the *WH&S/OH&S Act (or similar) applicable to your State or Territory (see Page 8, Section A, Item 4)? If YES, please give details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.2 Owner and/or manager is fully compliant with all National and State *WH&S/OH&S legislation and guidelines for all staff and family members (see Page 8, Section A, Item 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

4.3 All staff have received adequate instruction and training for the responsible use of agricultural machinery and animal handling equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.4 Owner and/or manager is fully compliant with all National and State Employment legislation (award wages and conditions) in relation to all staff (see Page 8, Section A, Item 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>DECLARANT COMMENTS</b>
4.5 Has the owner and/or manager of the property been successfully prosecuted under any National or State employment legislation Acts (see Page 8, Section A, item 4). If YES, please give details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>5. WOOL PREPARATION / SHEARING</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>DECLARANT COMMENTS</b>
5.1 The clip is prepared according to the *AWEX Code of Practice for the preparation of the Australian Wool clip (see Page 8, Section A, Item 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.2 A shearing Tally Book (or similar) is used to document relevant information from every shearing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.3 Sheep are crutched and/or dagged before shearing (when necessary) to minimise dag and urine stain in the clip. The crutching history for each mob is recorded in the DMFR section of the NWD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.4 A high level of care is taken to keep all contaminants out of the wool clip at shearing time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.5 A registered professional wool classer/owner classer prepares and oversees the wool clip and their stencil is applied to all bales including oddments. If NO, please give details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.6 All wool is packaged in nylon wool packs in good condition that have been authorised for use by *AWEX (i.e. packs that carry an *AWEX bale label sewn on the pack flap).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.7 All animal markers and raddles are used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and brands are removed from main fleece lines.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.8 Shed-hands are briefed before shearing begins by classer/owner/manager on the level of preparation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.9 Shearers have been made well aware, by the contractor/classer/owner/manager, of their responsibilities under the Animal Welfare Act applicable to the particular State or Territory (see Page 8, Section A, Item 1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

5.10 Shearers are competent to treat animals for severe cuts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.11 Shearers have their own counting-out pen to allow accountability for the quality of the sheep they shear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.12 Shearing shed and yard facilities are fully maintained to minimise the possibility of accidents and/or injury to operators and stock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>5. WOOL PREPARATION / SHEARING</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>DECLARANT COMMENTS</b>
5.13 Shearing shed environment is safe, healthy, has adequate amenities, lighting and ventilation, and shearing machinery is well maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.14 The period of time stock are shedded (without feed and water) prior to shearing is appropriate for the class of stock (e.g. minimise duration of shedding of pregnant ewes).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.15 Are there any *Shedding Breeds of sheep run on the property (see Page 8, Section B)? If YES please give details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.16 If YES, have your shedding breed sheep come into *contact with other sheep on the property at any time (see Page 8, Section B)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>6. HANDLING AND TRANSPORT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>DECLARANT COMMENTS</b>
6.1 Staff have received adequate instruction and training for the responsible and humane handling of stock. (i.e. mustering & movement of stock; identifying weak, injured or distressed animals; responsible use of working dogs; movement of sheep through yards, sheds and handling equipment).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



### A. RELEVANT GOVERNMENT ACTS and CODES OF PRACTICE

#### 1. Animal Welfare Acts

STATES AND TERRITORIES

**NSW** *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 No 200, Animal Research Act 1985 No 123*

**VIC** *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*

**QLD** *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*

**SA** *Animal Welfare Act 1985, Animal Welfare Regulations 2012*

**ACT** *Animal Welfare Act 1992*

**WA** *Animal Welfare Act 2002*

**NT** *Animal Welfare Act (currently under review)*

**TAS** *Animal Welfare Act 1993 (No. 63 of 1993)*

Farmers are expected to comply with the Codes of Practice and Standards and Guidelines.

#### See also:

AHA Australian Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines Edition One, Version 1 2016

International Specifications for Wool Sheep Welfare 2016

#### 2. Environmental Care Acts

NATIONAL

The Commonwealth's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for matters of 'national environmental significance'. Information for Farmers on this Act can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/information-for/farmers>

STATES AND TERRITORIES

**ACT** *Environment Protection Act 1997, the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 and Nature Conservation Act 1980.*

**NSW** *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act*

**NT** *The Environment Assessment Act 1994 and the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1996.*

**QLD** *Environmental Protection Act 1994 and the Nature Conservation Act 1992.*

**SA** *Natural Resources Management Act 2004, the Environment Protection Act 1993 and the Water Resources Act 1997.*

**TAS** *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 and the Pollution of Waters by Oil and Noxious Substances Act 1987.*

**VIC** *Environmental Protection Act 1978 and a Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

**WA** *Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945.*

#### 3a. Farm Chemicals Users Course

There is a mandatory requirement for buyers and users of Agricultural Chemical to undergo a registered Chemicals Users Course in the majority of States. This requirement exists under State Government Acts such as the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000* (the OHS Act) and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* (OHS Regulation) in NSW and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007* in Victoria. Please refer to the legislation applicable to your State or Territory.

#### 3b. Chemical Use/Handling/ Labelling Legislation

NATIONAL

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) - administration of the following acts:

-- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals

(Administration) Act 1992 (Admin Act)

-- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals

Act 1994 (Agvet Act)

-- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals

Code, which is a schedule to the

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals

Code Act 1994 (Code Act)

See also APVMA info for Farmers: <http://apvma.gov.au/node/1163>

#### 4. Social Responsibility WH&S

Work Health & Safety Act 2011 (ACT / NSW / NT / QLD)

Work Health & Safety Act 2012 (SA / TAS)

Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004 (VIC)

Occupational Safety & Health Act 1984 (WA)

#### Employment

The Fair Work Act 2009

The Fair Work Regulations 2009

#### 5. Wool Preparation

AWEX Code of Practice (Latest Version)

#### 6. Handling & Transport

AHA Australian Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines; Land Transport of Livestock. Edition One, Version 1.1 2015

### B. ABBREVIATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND NOTES

\*Authorised Auditor = Auditor(s) chosen by AWEX Ltd for the SustainaWOOL™ Integrity Scheme.

\*AWEX = The Australian Wool Exchange Ltd.

\*WH&S = Work, Health & Safety.

\*Mulesing = The removal of skin from the breach and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. (Source: Animal Health Australia)

\*Shedding Breeds = Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).

\*Contact with Shedding Breeds = Mated to, or run in the same paddock as shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.

\*Corrective actions may include (but are not limited to):

- treatment for internal parasites (e.g. worms)
- treatment for external parasites (e.g. lice)
- treatment for infections (e.g. footrot)
- treatment for flystrike
- removal of grass-seeds from the eyes of animals

- treatment of injuries

- humane slaughter of suffering animals

\*Registered Animal Health Products = Product must be registered in Australia by the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Registration means that the product can be supplied or sold, and used safely according to the label directions.

\*Pain relief product = Registered for use by APVMA for the relief of pain during procedures in sheep.

\*Post-procedure Pain Relief (e.g. Trisolfen).

\*Pre-procedure Pain Relief (e.g. Buccalgesic™/Metacam 20™).

\*Meat and Livestock Australia LPA NVD/NLIS for more information visit [www.mla.com.au](http://www.mla.com.au)

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