# GOATMAP CHECKLISTS FOR HERD MANAGERS

Checklists are voluntary but can be used as a guide to help Herd Managers work through the required elements of the program.

## CHECKLIST 1 - INITIAL HERD / PROPERTY RISK ASSESSMENT

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|  | Have a copy of the current version of the GoatMAP manual readily available. |
|  | Make an agreement with a veterinarian who is approved to participate in the GoatMAP and retain a copy of the agreement on file. |
|  | Assist the veterinarian to conduct a Herd and Property Risk Assessment and to; |
|  | Prepare a Herd Management Plan (see Element 5 GOATBIO). |

## CHECKLIST 2 - ONGOING TASKS TO MAINTAIN HERD STATUS

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|  | Check the ‘land’ regularly for evidence of entry of other eligible animals (goat strays, sheep and deer) and record what you do to manage these incursions. |
|  | Check the boundary fencing around each paddock before you introduce animals to the paddock and when you remove them from the paddock. |
|  | Check the entire length of the boundary fence at least every three months. |
|  | Check boundary fences after storms for fallen branches, etc. |
|  | Repair any breaks or holes in fences or floodgates immediately. Record the date and the name of the person carrying out these inspections and repairs. |
|  | Check flood gates after any major changes in pattern of flow of rivers or creeks running through or adjoining the land. Record details of all damage and repairs. |
|  | If present, check adjoining public land regularly for stray stock. |
|  | If you know or suspect faecal run-off from neighbouring properties has encroached on to the land, record the date and location of the encroachment and report it to the GoatMAP Veterinarian. They will advise you if you need to amend your Herd Management Plan. |
|  | Schedule your GoatMAP Veterinarian to conduct an Annual Veterinary Review each year. Date due ........./........./......... |
|  | Schedule your GoatMAP Veterinarian to conduct herd testing in accordance with the testing strategy in the Herd Management Plan (see Disease specific modules). |
|  | Advise the GoatMAP Veterinarian immediately if you become aware of any event that may influence the herd’s disease status. |

## CHECKLIST 3 – Introducing Goats

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|  | Before introducing any goats confirm their MAP status and origin, their eligibility for introduction and obtain a Goat Health Declaration from the owner. |
|  | In consultation with your GoatMAP Veterinarian confirm that the animals are eligible for introduction into the herd. |
|  | Confirm and record the additional testing requirements for goats introduced from herds with a lower status (if required). |
|  | Record relevant details of introduced stock. |
|  | Record and maintain testing details for introduced stock. |

## CHECKLIST 4 – DEALING WITH UNINTENTIONAL ENTRY INTO HERD

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|  | Remove all strays or unintentional introductions as soon as possible. |
|  | Record relevant details related to the incursion. |
|  | Notify your GoatMAP Veterinarian and in consultation determine impact and necessary actions. |
|  | Check boundary security and repair immediately. |
|  | Carry out any actions requested by your veterinarian. |

## CHECKLIST 5 – MOVING Goats BY WALKING

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|  | If there is potential for grazing or drinking during walking, consult with your GoatMAP Veterinarian and gain prior approval for the movement. |
|  | Ensure that eligible species from herds of lower status have not run on or otherwise contaminated land to be crossed during the previous 12 months for JDMAP and 1 month for CAEMAP. |
|  | Obtain a written declaration confirming the above from the owner of the land to be crossed. |
|  | Maintain appropriate livestock movement records. |

## CHECKLIST 6 – MOVING goats TO AND FROM SHOWS, SALES OR ARTIFICIAL BREEDING CENTRES

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|  | Ensure that the venue has been audited and sight the venue’s Certificate of Compliance prior to dispatching goats. Alternatively conduct prior evaluation of housing and hygiene standards at the venue. |
|  | Ensure truck drivers are aware of requirements for transporting GoatMAP goats. |
|  | Inspect trucks or other transport prior to loading. |
|  | Ensure the status of assessed goats is not compromised on the truck or at the event. |
|  | Complete and retain livestock movement record forms. |

## CHECKLIST 7 – MOVING goats for Agistment

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|  | Prior to dispatch consult with your GoatMAP Veterinarian on the suitability of the land. |
|  | Ensure truck drivers are aware of requirements for transporting GoatMAP goats. |
|  | Inspect trucks or other transport prior to loading. |
|  | If goats are exposed to animals or land of lower status during agistment consult with your GoatMAP Veterinarian to determine if the goats can return to the herd. Carry out all actions requested by your GoatMAP Veterinarian. |
|  | Complete and retain livestock movement record forms. |

## CHECKLIST 8 – IF ASSESSED ANIMALS STRAY FROM THE PROPERTY

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|  | Notify your GoatMAP Veterinarian and carry out all agreed actions. |
|  | Distinctly identify animals that have strayed. |
|  | Determine the cause(s) of straying and rectify any boundary defects. |
|  | Record relevant details related to the incident. |

## CHECKLIST 9 – PREPARING A HERD MANAGEMENT PLAN

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|  | Prepare the Herd Management Plan as detailed in this section in consultation with the GoatMAP Veterinarian. |
|  | Sign the Herd Management Plan and retain one copy. |
|  | Notify all your neighbours in writing that the herd is enrolled in GoatMAP. |
|  | Notify the GoatMAP Veterinarian if you undertake any action, or become aware of any event, that may change the herd’s disease risk status. |
|  | Notify the GoatMAP Veterinarian if you become aware of a trace-forward or trace-back from an infected herd to the GoatMAP herd. |

## CHECKLIST 10 – Testing HERDs

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|  | Determine current status of herd in consultation with GoatMAP Veterinarian and the type of test required e.g. Sample or Maintenance Test. |
|  | Schedule GoatMAP Veterinarian to carry out required test. |
|  | Ensure adequate goat handling facilities available for testing and that a suitable livestock identification system is in place to present and record the identities of the goats tested. |
|  | In consultation with the GoatMAP Veterinarian determine number of animals to be sampled from each mob. |

## CHECKLIST 11 – VACCINATING goatMAP HERDS (JDMAP only)

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|  | If vaccination is to be used to maintain herd status, vaccinate all goats in the herd initially. |
|  | Vaccinate all goats in herd before 16 weeks of age each year. |
|  | Vaccinate all introduced goats if not already vaccinated at the time of purchase. |
|  | Identify all vaccinated animals with an Approved Vaccination Tag. |
|  | Record and maintain vaccination records. |
|  | Retain copies of all Goat Health Declarations for vaccinated animals which are sold or moved from the herd. |

## CHECKLIST 12 – MAINTAINING YOUR goatMAP SYSTEMS

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|  | Keep the required records in a suitable format and retain them as required. |
|  | Control the documents that are part of your GoatMAP compliance. |
|  | Participate in and conduct the required reviews and audits – internal and external. |