



Registered Goat Depots

- Harvested Rangeland Goats



Goats are required to be identified with an approved National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) electronic device.

However, eligible harvested rangeland goats (HRG) can be transported without an NLIS device from where they were captured to either a registered goat depot or directly to an abattoir for processing.

This is possible through accreditation in the HRG module of the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program.

To use this device-free pathway, both producers and goat depots must:

- Be accredited in LPA program, and
- Be accredited for HRG, which requires state and territory approval.

To maintain integrity and traceability, strict approval, audits, and oversight are in place for HRG-accredited producers and depots.

What is a Harvested Rangeland Goat?

A harvested rangeland goat is:

- a goat that has been captured from a wild state; and
- has not been born as a result of a managed breeding program; and
- has not been subjected to any animal husbandry procedure or treatment; and
- only being moved directly to an abattoir for slaughter or to one registered goat depot.

Goats that are managed in any way are not eligible to be moved device-free as a harvested rangeland goat.

What is a Registered Goat Depot?

A registered goat depot is a property that is used to aggregate harvested rangeland goats for up to 10 days prior to consigning them to slaughter (device-free).

Registered goat depots must:

- have a dedicated Property Identification Code (PIC) specifically for the depot

- have approval from their state/territory to operate as a registered goat depot
- have a NLIS database account for the goat depot with the depot PIC linked
- have LPA accreditation and HRG accreditation for the goat depot PIC
- undergo an annual LPA audit as well as any state auditing requirements
- have a letter from a goat meat processor confirming the depot is, or will be, a supplier of goats on a commercial basis
- agree to comply with all integrity system requirements relating to the ongoing operation of a registered goat depot.

A goat depot that is not registered with their state/territory or that is not LPA and HRG accredited is not eligible to receive or consign harvested rangeland goats.

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What are the requirements for movements of HRGs to a registered goat depot?

Harvested rangeland goats can ONLY be received device-free from the property of capture to a registered goat depot if:

- the person sending the goats is accredited in the LPA HRG module; and
- the goats meet the definition of a HRG; and
- the goats arrive with a completed LPA HRG National Vendor Declaration.

What National Vendor Declaration (NVD) is needed for harvested rangeland goats?

- Harvested rangeland goats must be consigned using the HRG NVD HG0324 (blue) or by selecting HRG NVD when using eNVD web or mobile app.
- All other goats must be consigned using the Goat NVD G0524 (red) or by selecting NVD when using eNVD web or mobile app. The previous goat NVD (G0720) will be invalid from 1 July 2025.
- Registered goat depots need HRG accreditation to access the HRG NVD. HRG NVD should be used to consign HRGs device-free to the abattoir.

What are the NLIS transfer requirements for harvested rangeland goats?

Registered goat depots must record all movements of HRG ONTO their depot PIC as a mob-based movement using the HRG NVD/eNVD. All HRG arrivals must be recorded on the NLIS database via the Goat Depot account within 2 days of physically arriving.

How long can harvested rangeland goats stay at a registered goat depot?

Harvested rangeland goats that arrive device-free must only be held at a depot for up to 10 days before moving directly to an abattoir for slaughter.

If goats are retained in the depot for longer than 10 days, they MUST be tagged with a pink post breeder NLIS device (electronic) that has been issued to the depot PIC. These goats must also be consigned using the Goat NVD G0524 (red) or by selecting NVD when using eNVD web or mobile app.



What happens if device free harvested rangeland goats arrive with a Goat NVD?

Registered goat depots should contact the producer and obtain a HRG NVD for the consignment. If no HRG NVD is obtained, then the goats are to be tagged with an electronic pink post breeder NLIS device issued to the depot PIC and consigned by the depot using the Goat NVD. Registered goat depots should also advise their state department and LPA Administration.

What happens if goats arrive with a HRG NVD but have been identified with an NLIS device?

Registered goat depots should contact the producer and request a Goat NVD for the consignment. Goats with electronic NLIS devices must be transferred as individual animals onto the PIC in the NLIS Database. When consigning these goats, they must be sent with a Goat NVD. Registered goat depots should also advise their state department and LPA Administration.

Use the checklist on the next page to ensure you are meeting all LPA and NLIS requirements for harvested rangeland goats.

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Registered Goat Depot Checklist

PICs, LPA and HRG accreditation		YES
Do you have a valid PIC specifically for the depot issued by your state/territory?		
<i>You must apply for a PIC that will be used specifically for the goat depot to only run goats. Only goats that are received and dispatched from the depot are to be recorded on the goat depot PIC.</i>		
Is the goat depot PIC LPA accredited for goats?		
Is the goat depot also HRG accredited?		
Do you have an NLIS goat depot account linked to the goat depot PIC?		
Are you aware you have to participate in an annual LPA audit?		
Do you have a letter from a goat meat processor indicating that your depot is, or will be, a supplier of goats on a commercial basis?		
Has the property and goats at the registered goat depot been managed according to LPA and HRG requirements?		
Incoming movements		YES
For each consignment of goats received at the depot, are all incoming goats inspected for an NLIS device and checked against the LPA NVD?		
When goats arrive at the goat depot, is the LPA NVD received and checked by the depot operator or nominated staff member against the consignment?		
Are all Harvested Rangeland Goats arriving device-free accompanied by an LPA NVD HRG (HG0324) or HRG eNVD?		
Are all NLIS identified goats arriving accompanied by the LPA NVD Goat (G0524) or eNVD?		
<i>NOTE: The previous goat NVD (G0720) will be invalid from 1 July 2025.</i>		
Does the total number of incoming goats correspond with the 'Total' number on the LPA NVD/eNVD?		
<i>If no, re-check and re-count.</i>		
Are all received LPA NVDs clear, complete, and correct?		
If the LPA NVD is not provided or is unclear, incomplete or incorrect, are the goats held at the depot until the owner/consignor is contacted and the issues are rectified?		
Are all goats received at the registered goat depot recorded on the NLIS database within two business days of arrival at the depot or prior to their onward journey? Data to be uploaded must include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the RFID or NLIS ID of the devices in the consignment or in the case of a device-free movement – notified as 'mob-based movement' the total number of goats received including animals in the mob that are not identified with an electronic NLIS goat device the origin PIC (From PIC) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the destination PIC (To PIC) = depot PIC the serial number on the NVD or other movement document the date of the movement a copy of the LPA HRG NVD for harvested rangeland goat movements to the depot 		
<i>NOTE: A scanned image of the movement document must be uploaded for all HRG movements to all NSW abattoirs receiving HRG with an LPA HRG NVD (this meets the requirements for retaining movement document records).</i>		
Outgoing movements		YES
Are all harvested rangeland goats retained in the depot for longer than ten (10) days identified with an electronic pink post breeder NLIS device prior to departure?		
<i>If yes, include number of goats tagged on your records.</i>		
Are any goats that are to be moved to another depot, another property, to a saleyard for sale, or for live export, identified with an electronic pink post breeder NLIS device prior to departure?		
<i>If yes, record the number of goats with NLIS devices applied.</i>		
Are any goats born at the depot or goats that have received any form of husbandry procedure or treatment while at the depot, identified with an electronic pink post breeder NLIS device?		
<i>If yes, include the treatment details and any WHP or ESI on your records as per LPA Module 2.</i>		
For goats leaving the depot, is the LPA NVD clear, complete, and correct?		
<i>For harvested rangeland goats moving device free, use LPA NVD HRG (HG0324).</i>		
<i>All other goats must be accompanied by the LPA NVD Goats (G0524). The previous goat NVD (G0720) will be invalid from 1 July 2025.</i>		

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