



Commodity Movement Guidance

SHEEP WOOL AND GOAT MOHAIR/CASHMERE

Product Description

Sheep wool is the textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep that are raised for wool production.

Mohair is the hair of Angora goats. **Cashmere** is hair from Kashmiri/cashmere goats.

Requirements to be Met Prior to Movement

- Traceability information is available for the wool/mohair/cashmere bales/bags and/or flock/herd of origin (national premises identification number [PIN], GPS Coordinates, and information on type and quantity of wool/mohair/cashmere to be moved).
- Biosecurity measures listed in the appropriate Secure Food Supply plan and Biosecurity Checklist(s) (see sub-bullets) are in place and acceptable to Responsible Regulatory Officials.
 - [Self-assessment checklist for enhanced biosecurity for FMD prevention: sheep feedlots¹](#)
 - [Self-assessment checklist for enhanced biosecurity for FMD prevention: sheep on pasture/rangeland²](#)
 - [Wool handling during a foot and mouth disease \(FMD\) outbreak³](#)
 - [Self-assessment checklist for enhanced biosecurity for FMD prevention: goat operations⁴](#)
 - [Secure Goat, Milk & Mohair Supply Plan \(SGMMS\) for Continuity of Business: Mohair & Cashmere Section⁵](#)
- Trace-back/forward information is acceptable (premises is not Infected, Suspect, or Contact).
 - Producers can provide trace-back and trace-forward information by maintaining accurate records of movement of animals, feed, supplies, equipment, personnel, and visitors. Producers can use the Secure Sheep and Wool Supply (SSWS) Plan [Practice Questionnaire for FMD Exposure⁶](#) to get a feel for the information they may need to provide in an outbreak.
- Destination premises and State are willing to accept the wool/mohair/cashmere.
- No evidence of infection based on disease monitoring (surveillance).

¹ https://seuresheepwool.org/Assets/SSWS_Self-Assessment-Checklist-for-Enhanced-Biosecurity-FMD-Feedlots.pdf

² https://seuresheepwool.org/Assets/SSWS_Self-Assessment-Checklist-for-Enhanced-Biosecurity-FMD-Pasture.pdf

³ https://seuresheepwool.org/Assets/SSWS_Wool-Handling-During-FMD-Outbreak.pdf

⁴ <https://securegoat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/SGMMS-Self-Assessment-Checklist-check.pdf>

⁵ <https://securegoat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/SGMMS-MOHAIR-Section-2022.pdf>

⁶ <https://seuresheepwool.org/Assets/SSWS-Practice-Quest-FMD-Exposure.pdf>

- Wool/mohair/cashmere originating from flocks/herds within a Control Area should be treated to World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) standards for inactivation of foot and mouth disease (FMD) virus before leaving the Control Area for further processing.
 - Fiber to be transported to a decontamination site must be sealed in an airtight container with biosecurity steps taken to prevent spread of infection by the truck or driver.
- Baled/bagged wool/mohair/cashmere should be transported in a clean vehicle/trailer that has not been potentially exposed to FMD virus and/or has been properly cleaned and disinfected prior to use for transport.

Commodity Requirements Flowchart

