

Policy for co-location of UNE and non-UNE sheep in the animal house complex

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Introduction

The University's Rural Properties wishes to support researchers using UNE sheep for experimentation in the on-campus animal house complex. The aims of this policy are to:

- a) facilitate the use of Rural Properties owned sheep for on-campus research, allowing the return of these sheep to the properties following experimentation, thus reducing expense to the research project
- b) manage the risk of disease and parasite infection to Rural Properties sheep

Policies and procedures

UNE Rural Properties sheep housed in the on-campus animal house complex may be returned to the Rural Properties in a condition subject to the property manager's approval following implementation of the below policies:

1. UNE sheep are not to come into contact with non-UNE sheep or their faeces, urine, blood.
2. If sheep are *not infected* with parasites, they are to be drenched with a full dose of Abermectin and 1.5 x dose of BZ Levamisole combination drench prior to return to the Rural Properties.
3. If sheep are *infected with fully susceptible* strains of parasites, they are to be drenched with a full dose of Abermectin and 1.5 x dose of BZ Levamisole combination drench prior to return to the Rural Properties.
4. If sheep are *infected with parasites that are not fully susceptible*, evidence of negative worm-egg-count, 10 days post-treatment must be presented to the property manager, before return to the Rural Properties.
5. The same footwear or clothing cannot be used for UNE and non-UNE sheep without a wash/clean and a minimum of 1 week separation in time, to manage the risk of lice transfer.