

## Terminal Lamb - Fact Sheet

Although animals usually get infected with Johne's disease early in life, the infection develops very slowly. Few animals shed significant numbers of the Johne's bacteria in their dung before they are adults. For this reason, young animals usually represent a very low risk of spreading Johne's disease and are sometimes exempted from controls on movements that apply to older animals.

The Australian sheep industry and governments have agreed that lambs that meet the criteria for Terminal lambs may be traded without restriction as long as they are slaughtered before cutting any adult teeth.

Terminal Lambs are:

- young crossbred wether and ewe lambs;
- identified by an approved [NLIS](#) (Sheep) eartag that is printed with the Property Identification Code and a terminal T symbol; and
- Which are to be slaughtered before cutting any adult teeth.

If Terminal Lambs are kept in the flock after cutting their first adult teeth, the flock would be at risk of infection and therefore its score under the [ABC Trading Scheme](#) would be affected.

For further information please contact your local district veterinary officer or animal health officer.