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The Five Freedoms: A history lesson in animal care and welfare

Organically farmed sheep graze on pasture throughout the grazing season. Rather than opting out of this time-honored process from soil to skin, we can tune in and learn more about the ways, whys, and hows, of shearing fiber animals for our mutual health and wellbeing. In the articles that follow, we will look more at the process of shearing, from the interests of both the shearer and the sheep.

Welfare of sheep: Providing for welfare in an extensive environment

Some sheep prefer grasses and do best in farmland settings. It is anticipated that national standards and guidelines agreed to by Victoria will be adopted through the new proposed Animal Welfare Act. Most of the developed for implementation on farms and in processing facilities are based on the Five Freedoms.

Sheep : Animal Welfare Standards

In this schema, the extensively managed animal may experience poor welfare if the environmental challenges overwhelm its evolved coping strategies for example, in high temperatures if behavioural and physiological adaptations cannot dissipate heat sufficiently or if it has adaptations such as behavioural anti-predator responses that are no longer required.

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State Legislation ACT NSW NT QLD SA TAS VIC WA Page Updated: December 2020. Although extensively managed animals have greater behavioural freedom than those managed intensively, they are still vulnerable to other welfare challenges.

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