

Control order reminders

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As 2020 draws to a close, staff at the Animal Health Unit and the Agriculture Branch would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation with the control order testing and fencing inspection visits this year.



A report tabulating the test results and answers to common questions we heard will be available publicly in early 2021 and sent to you via email. All individual producer information will be kept confidential. In addition to the report, we will provide a complete update on the control order in 2021.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few important points below:

Recordkeeping

- Ensure any sale/purchase or slaughter/death of sheep or goats is noted in your records and can be provided to the Animal Health Unit or Agriculture Branch upon request.

Slaughter and usage of *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (*M. ovi*) positive animals

- *M. ovi* does not pose a risk to human health.
- The majority of domestic sheep and goats that test positive for *M. ovi* are not affected by the bacteria and are not ill at the time of slaughter.
- Meat from domestic sheep or goats that have tested positive for *M. ovi* is safe for human consumption.

Movement of animals

- Movement of sheep and goats within Yukon is not restricted provided all quarantine orders are followed. Movement of these animals needs to be recorded by both the seller and the purchaser.
- Import of animals from outside of Yukon requires an import permit. Apply for this permit by contacting the Agriculture Branch.

As always, we are available to discuss the control order requirements with you. Contact the Animal Health Unit or the Agriculture Branch if you have questions or concerns about the Control Order.

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