**Kids+ Project**

**Expression of Interest Form**

**Background**

In partnership with the University of Queensland, MLA has launched a five-year research program to investigate goat reproductive performance to increase productivity and profitability on-farm.

Towards achieving this objective, expressions of interest from producers who would like to partake in this research program are being invited. Participating producers should be interested in working with researchers, appreciate the importance of accurate data collection, be open to implementing adaptive management practices, and be willing share their experience with other goat producers at various workshops that will be organised with the research teams.

Participating producers will be expected to carry normal farm management costs.

The program will be focused on three types of production systems: extensive, semi-intensive and intensive systems. We are looking for five producers in each of these systems.

An extensive system is a system where the goats are maintained in large herds with minimal management. Typically, the herd would be more than 1,000 does.

A semi-extensive system is where there is some form of management. This could entail individual marking of goats, strategic management goals (such as breeding with improved bucks). Typically, the herd would be more than 1,000 does.

An Intensive system typically manages the herds similar to a seedstock producer. This includes good record keeping, a pairing/mating/joining season, record keeping of key production performance indicators. Typically, the herd would be more than 100 does.

If you are interested in being part of this research program, please fill in the details below and email these to Louw Hoffman louwrens.hoffman@uq.edu.au, from the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI), The University of Queensland.

The Goat Steering Committee will evaluate all applications and decide which will best suit the requirements of the project.

**Details to complete**

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| Name: |  |
| Contact details (email & phone): |  |
| Business trade name: |  |
| Farm region and post code: |  |
| Farm size (ha): |  |
| Type of farming system (tick as many as applicable) | Intensive | Semi-intensive | Extensive |
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| Do you have a commercial and/or seedstock system (tick as many as applicable) | Commercial | Seedstock  | Both |
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| Number of does in each system |  |  |  |
| Do you have a joining season? |  |
| When is your joining season? |  |
| Are your animals individually tagged? If so, what type of tag do you use? |  |
| When do you market your animals? |  |
| How do you market your animals? |  |
| Briefly describe your management program: |  |
| Briefly describe your infrastructure: |  |
| Other comments to support your application:  |  |