

9. **TRANSFER OF FLOCK STATUS WHEN SELLING OR BUYING SHEEP.** If a producer purchases sheep from a flock enrolled in the OMFVSP, those sheep will only retain the status of the originating flock if:
- a. The purchased sheep
 - i. Do not contact sheep of lower or unknown status en route to the new location and
 - ii. Are the only sheep to be housed at the new location which has not housed sheep for at least 90 days or has been clean and disinfected as outlined in Appendix 9.
 - b. OR the purchased sheep are housed separately from other sheep at that location that are of lower or unknown status as outlined in section 1 k and as per Appendix 9.
 - c. OR the contact sheep have the same as or higher MV status than the purchased sheep.
 - d. It is important to remember that if sheep are mixed, the status will immediately change to the lowest health status of the mixed group. The purchaser of the sheep assumes all health risks once the sheep have left the premises of origin.
10. **ADVERTISING OF MV STATUS**
- a. Producers are encouraged to advertise the MV status of their flocks.
 - b. However, there are restrictions on what can be said or implied.
 - i. Only the official name of the project may be used, specifically "The Ontario Maedi Visna Flock Status Program".
 - ii. The names of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency and the University of Guelph can be used only in reference to their role as program administrators or collaborators.
 - iii. The Ontario Sheep Health Program logo can be used in the advertisement if the flock is in good standing.
 - iv. Only the terms of "Enrolled", "B" status, "A" status, "Monitored" MV or "Monitored - Low Risk" status, can be used and must be used only if the status is in good standing.
 - v. No reference should be made as to the flock being free of Maedi Visna infection.
 - c. The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency will publish a list of participating flocks, their current status at the time of publication along with contact information in each issue of Sheep News - only if the producer contacts OSMA in writing and indicates a willingness for this to occur.