GOAT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE

Selling goats locally: the sale checklist

From deciding what you are selling to recording the price afterwards. Veterinary movement permit first, then police clearance. Research compiled 18 November 2026.

The local-sale checklist. Tick each item before the goats leave the farm.

Farm: _____ Date: _____ Checked by: _____

BEFORE YOU NEGOTIATE

- [ ] Decide the product: slaughter goats (25 to 35 kg live, good condition, tick-free), breeding stock (inspected or registered, with records) or a tender lot.
- [ ] Register the goats on the DVS stock card or stock register; keep dipping, deworming and vaccination records.
- [ ] Get quotes from at least two buyers in the same unit (US$ per head or US$ per kg carcass) and ask for the grade expected.
- [ ] Work out your break-even price with the worksheet before negotiating.
- [ ] LEGAL REQUIREMENT
  Check the buyer's AMA registration certificate and, for an abattoir, its DVS registration and local authority health certificate.

PAPERWORK AND TRANSPORT

- [ ] LEGAL REQUIREMENT
  Obtain the veterinary movement permit first (district DVS), then police clearance (ZRP); allow a day for each.
- [ ] Arrange transport; agree who pays and who bears losses in transit.
- [ ] Agree payment: cash on delivery or a confirmed EcoCash or bank transfer before the animals leave; get a receipt or delivery note.

AT THE SALE AND AFTER

- [ ] For carcass sales attend the weighing and grading or get the abattoir grading sheet.
- [ ] Keep copies of the permit, clearance, delivery note and payment proof; update the stock card.
- [ ] Record price, weight, buyer and date to compare channels and seasons next time.

Legal requirement: a requirement under a named Zimbabwean statute or statutory instrument. Recommended: guidance from FAO, WOAH, the MSD Veterinary Manual, extension services, manufacturer labels or market research. Unverified: a planning figure GBAZ is still confirming. Sources and the last-verified date are on the web page.