

# Feral Pig Program 2023-2024

Progress update | December 2023



## Achievements to date: October to November 2023



**869**

properties participating



**12,651**

feral pigs controlled



**2.43 million**

hectares protected

Local Land Services is supporting landholders across the state to manage the damaging impact feral pigs are having on agriculture and the environment. The NSW Government has committed \$13 million to deliver the 2023-2024 Feral Pig Program with the aim of reducing feral pig populations through a coordinated approach and integrated control techniques.

Highlights of the work completed include:

- delivery and coordination of broadscale aerial and ground control programs across the state
- facilitating training and awareness raising events to equip landholders and collaborate with public land managers
- boosting participation in control programs by providing free training and fully subsidised poison to eligible landholders through the Feral Fighters initiative
- monitoring surveys in the 3 priority landscape scale control zones established to further reduce impacts in the feral pig hotspots of North West, Central West, Riverina and Western NSW
- appointing NSW's first dedicated Feral Pig Coordinator to drive the program.

As the program continues to roll out in 2024, we can look forward to further positive results being delivered and build upon these achievements to date.



## Engagement

- **2,819** consultations with land managers for feral pig management
- **31** awareness events across the state with **563** participants
- **116** landholders surveyed as part of impacts monitoring.



## Feral Fighters

- **81** participants at **11** free Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training (VPIT) courses held in person
- **54,746** kg free bait issued
- **34,313** kg free feed grain provided to **149** landholders, protecting **1,017,252** hectares through the Feral Fighters initiative.



## Ground control

- **1,482** feral pigs culled through coordinated trapping programs
- **191** properties participating
- **125,570** hectares protected through ground control.



## Aerial control

- **11,169** feral pigs controlled during **10** FFAST aerial control programs
- **529** properties participating
- **1,282,679** hectares protected through aerial control.

## Work continuing:

- LLS will continue working with landholders to coordinate feral pig aerial and ground control programs
- more training and capacity building event opportunities for all land managers to attend
- revamping the online VPIT training package to incorporate updated resources.



## Did you know

Feral pigs can breed all year round in the right conditions, and almost as rapidly as rabbits?

Scan the QR code below or visit [lls.nsw.gov.au/feral-pigs](https://lls.nsw.gov.au/feral-pigs) to learn more about how to manage feral pigs with the support of Local Land Services.



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These statistics for October to November relate to activities funded by the 2023-2024 Feral Pig Program. Local Land Services has further feral pig management activities underway that are not reported as part of this funding.