

Feral Pig and Pest Program 2024-2025

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Local Land Services is continuing to support landholders to manage the damaging impact of feral pigs and pest animals on their agricultural assets and the environment. Building on the success of last year's Feral Pig Program, the NSW Government has committed \$13.1 million to deliver the Feral Pig and Pest Program 2024-25.

The program aims to reduce the impacts of feral pigs and pest animals, build landholder capability in controlling pest animals and maintain a biosecurity workforce to support landholder efforts.

Highlights of the work now underway include:

- coordinating broadscale aerial and ground control programs for neighbouring landholders to maximise effectiveness across boundaries
 - engaging landholders to participate in control programs across the state
 - free workshops and awareness events to better equip land managers control pest animals
 - providing free Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training (VPIT) courses
 - fully subsidised 1080 poison to eligible landholders for feral pig baiting
 - building landholder awareness of their General Biosecurity Duty to manage pest animals
 - engaging local biosecurity officers to support and advise landholders in best practice pest control and management.
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Tailored support

Trained local biosecurity officers across NSW are providing free one-on-one consultations with landholders for pest animal management. From advice on effective control methods, to coordinating across neighbouring boundaries, biosecurity officers are working with land managers to deliver aerial and ground control programs.



Your duty to act

Every landholder has a General Biosecurity Duty (GBD) under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* to reduce risks caused by pest animals by taking action to prevent, eliminate or minimise pest animals and impacts.

How do you protect your land and fulfil your duty?

- monitor and report pest animal signs or sightings
- undertake pest control programs
- work with your neighbours in coordinated programs in your area.

Contact your local biosecurity officer on 1300 795 299 for advice and support to help meet your obligations.



Practical workshops

Free awareness and capacity building events are rolling out across the state to provide landholders with the latest skills and knowledge in pest animal control. Training sessions may include identifying signs, control techniques and trapping demonstrations.



Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training

Landholders have the opportunity to complete free VPIT training to gain the accreditation needed to use pesticides to control vertebrate pest animals. Face-to-face courses are offered in different locations or training can be done online at any time at lls.nsw.gov.au/vpit



Equipment

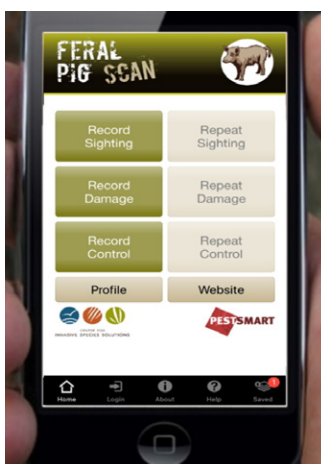
LLS is providing equipment on loan to eligible landholders to help them carry out control programs on their property. Depending on availability, resources range from cameras for monitoring to different styles of traps for feral animals.



Learn more

For practical resources on managing feral pigs including videos on trapping, baiting and behaviour visit lls.nsw.gov.au/feral-pigs

To find out more about support available through the **Feral Pig and Pest Program**, scan the QR code below



FeralScan

Helping landholders, local groups and LLS manage pest animals more effectively is FeralScan. Landholders can use the free app or visit feralscan.org.au to easily and privately record sightings, damage and control of feral pigs, feral deer and other pests.

www.feralscan.org.au