



ANIMAL BIOSECURITY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Animal Biosecurity & Welfare Program will deliver towards the outcomes of the Animal Biosecurity and Welfare Business Plan as developed in partnership with Department Primary Industries. The program aims to reduce the impact of animal biosecurity and welfare issues on landholders, the economy, environment and community by concentrating on the following priorities:

- Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) surveillance, management and eradication.
- Control and containment of priority animal diseases already established in NSW.
- Surveillance for diseases and residues to underpin market access.
- Have a role in tracing and identification systems to reduce the impact of disease outbreaks and food safety incidents and improve market access for NSW livestock and products.
- Support animal welfare programs that protect the welfare of animals and meet market and community requirements.
- Protection of consumers and the community from residue or contaminant risks in livestock production, and significant risks to human health from animal disease (i.e. zoonosis).

Regional priorities addressed

Water (Availability & Access)
 Groundcover decline
 Biodiversity decline
 Economics: capacity to recover and/or manage change
 Disasters

Stakeholders engaged in delivery

NSW Department of Primary Industries, Meat & Livestock Australia, producers



Funding source

Recurrent funding

Priority activities for 2020/21 will:

- Improve biosecurity, with a priority towards key high-risk groups such as pig producers.
- Protect the footrot status of NSW by maintaining a prevalence of less than 1% in flocks of 50 or more sheep.
- Assist producers conduct Faecal Egg Reduction Count Tests to establish efficacy of drenches.
- Provide ongoing support to producers in the form of disease investigation and advice as they go through drought recovery.
- Provide support to the Animal Welfare Agency by providing expert advice on production animal husbandry, disease control and nutrition.
- Provide material for podcasts allowing producers to share their experiences on the land.

