

Feral Pig Program 2023-2024

Progress update (2) | March 2024



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.

Achievements to date: October to February 2024



2,728

properties participating



45,703

feral pigs controlled



5.62 million

hectares protected

The past 3 months have seen a rapid reduction in feral pigs as control efforts are ramped up by landholders working with the support of Local Land Services (LLS). Already over 2,700 properties are participating, helping protect agriculture and the environment from destruction.

Recent highlights of the NSW Feral Pig Program include:

- rolling out baiting, trapping and shooting efforts in the 3 priority landscape scale control zones, of North West, Central West, Riverina and Western NSW
- supporting land managers and groups to boost control programs in all regions
- landholders taking advantage of free Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training and subsidised poison, increasing their participation and impact on control programs
- sharing expertise across agencies and public land managers
- equipping farmers with the know-how to manage feral pigs by facilitating more capacity-building workshops and sessions.

“We should all do what we can. I couldn’t believe how many feral pigs there were...LLS is assisting us with tech, advice and information about trapping, baiting and providing 1080.”

Colin, farmer in the Murray region



Engagement

- **5,803** consultations with land managers for feral pig management
- **50** awareness events across the state with **1,044** participants
- **300** landholders surveyed as part of impacts monitoring.



Feral Fighters

- **93** participants at **12** free Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training (VPIT) courses held in person
- **93,209** kg free bait issued
- **76,684** kg free feed grain provided to **241** landholders, protecting **1,852,248** hectares through the Feral Fighters initiative.



Ground control

- **4,137** feral pigs culled through coordinated trapping programs
- **630** properties participating
- **420,246** hectares protected through ground control.



Aerial control

- **41,566** feral pigs controlled during **21** FFAST aerial control programs
- **1,857** properties participating
- **3,353,276** hectares protected through aerial control.

Work continuing:

- LLS biosecurity officers are providing advice and support to farmers on the ground, while coordinating control programs across boundaries
- equipping as many landholders as possible to carry out their own longer-term control through more workshops and training.



Did you know

A small mob of feral pigs can damage a large area overnight, digging up crops, tubers, worms and insects?

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



Scan the QR code below or visit lls.nsw.gov.au/fpp to find out more about the Feral Pig Program



These statistics for October 2023 to February 2024 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.