

Protect your livestock
from diseases and pests

Zoonotic diseases

There are some diseases that may pass from animals to humans. You, as a stock owner, must know what diseases may pose a risk to your health and that of your family and workers.

Diseases you should be aware of include:

- Q fever
- Leptospirosis
- Hydatids
- Hendra virus

If you see something unusual, contact the 24-hour emergency animal disease hotline on 1800 675 888.

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Biosecurity is a shared responsibility.

Australia is currently lucky to be free from many of the more devastating animal diseases including

- Foot and Mouth Disease
- Mad Cow Disease
- Rabies
- Bluetongue
- Screw Worm Fly
- African Swine Fever (ASF)

These diseases would have a devastating effect on our industry, economy and way of life.

Always be on the lookout for unusual symptoms in your animals and contacting a vet immediately if you spot something unusual.

Greater Sydney Local Land Services' District Veterinarians and Biosecurity Officers are experienced and trained in responding to emergency animal disease events.

Our vets can assist with disease investigations as a result of sudden deaths, reproductive issues and other key livestock health issues.

Our team is involved in national, state and local disease control programs and can provide expert advice on local diseases and conditions. They can also help with farm biosecurity planning and preventative health programs such as worming and vaccination.

Property Identification Codes (PICs)

PICs are compulsory for any property running livestock in NSW. A PIC is a unique identifier for land used for keeping livestock. The PIC is fundamental to the operation and integrity of the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) for cattle, sheep, goats and pigs and helps us easily identify livestock owners in the event of an emergency disease outbreak or natural disaster. Our customer service officers can arrange a PIC for you.

Significant disease events

While we're keen to hear, about all disease symptoms, the following signs are a priority and should be reported as a priority

- neurological signs
- sudden deaths
- abortion storms
- blisters around the mouth and feet
- red urine
- yellow mucous membranes

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How can you help protect your herd or flock?

There are some simple things you can do to help protect your herd or flock

- check stock regularly and report anything unusual
- request a National Vendor Declaration and Animal Health Statement when buying stock
- ensure stock are identified according to NLIS requirements
- update the NLIS database if you buy stock from another produce
- quarantine introduced animals for at least two weeks and monitor them for any signs of disease

Emergency planning

Be prepared. Ensure you have an emergency plan that factors in your animals.

If your property is flood prone, your flood plan should include details of:

- where you will move your stock



- how you will move your stock
- the trigger for moving your stock

If your property is at risk from fire, your fire plan should also highlight the need to move stock to less fire prone paddocks on days of extreme fire danger.

Animal welfare

As a stock owner, you are responsible for providing your stock with

- enough food and water
- shelter
- necessary treatment for injury or disease

Fencing

Avoid straying by ensuring your fences are stock proof. Check them regularly, especially after floods or fires.