



TOP 5 BIOSECURITY TIPS FOR SHEEP PRODUCERS

On-farm Biosecurity

On-farm biosecurity is a set of measures designed to protect a property from the entry and spread of pests, weeds and diseases. It can be any activity, procedure or measure that you take to reduce the likelihood of the introduction and spread of livestock diseases, pests or weeds.

Top 5 tips for Sheep Producers

1. Have a plan!

- » A biosecurity plan can help you to prioritise, manage and mitigate risks on your farm and reduce costs in responding to a disease or weed outbreak.
- » Pre-planning for emergency events can aid to speed recovery after the event

2. Keep records

- » Records can help build the strength of your biosecurity plan as a risk management tool
- » A sheep health statement can assist you identifying and reducing the introduction of disease and pests with new sheep

3. Come clean, stay clean, go clean

- » Aim for one signed entry point onto your farm to control visitor entry and offer a designated visitor parking spot
- » Keep a visitor register
- » Discuss disease and pest risks with visitors, contractors and staff on your farm

4. Know the risks

- » Be familiar with the animal disease risks in your local area
- » Quarantine new livestock to your farm
- » Coordinate with your neighbours on feral animal, pest and weed control

5. Look, Check, Ask a Vet

- » Undertake routine monitoring and surveillance of your livestock
- » If you notice unusual clinical signs of disease in your livestock, contact your local private or government veterinarian or animal health authority for advice

Priority areas for on-farm biosecurity

1. Livestock sales, purchases and movements
2. People, vehicles and equipment
3. Feed and Water
4. Feral animals, pests and weeds
5. Animal health management
6. Carcass, effluent and waste management
7. Staff training
8. Planning, recording and monitoring

About LBN

LBN is a three-year project initiated by WoolProducers Australia, Cattle Council of Australia and Sheepmeat Council of Australia. LBN is designed to promote greater awareness of biosecurity risk and to improve on-farm preparedness for exotic/endemic disease outbreaks.

LBN endeavours to provide livestock producers with the necessary tools and useful information to manage disease (endemic and exotic), pest and weed events on their farms.

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