

BEING BIOSECURITY & WEED AWARE ON YOUR FARM AND IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

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ON-FARM BIOSECURITY

Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility. Implementing biosecurity practices can protect your property and prevent the spread of pests, weeds and diseases.

Biosecurity practices include:

- Knowing who is coming onto your property and where they have been
- Requesting that vehicles, machinery & equipment entering your property are cleaned beforehand
- Vehicles parked in separate, designated areas
- Cleaning and disinfecting boots when coming onto the property
- Having a farm biosecurity sign and secure fences
- Recording visitors and incoming animals & plants



For more information regarding animal biosecurity and health, contact the Animal Biosecurity and Welfare Branch (DPIPWE),

Ph: 1300 368 550

www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity

LIVESTOCK

Have a Property
Identification Code (PIC)

Update the National
Livestock Identification
System (NLIS) when
animals move on & off
your property (including
agistment)

Inspect new animals for
signs of illness and
quarantine animals for
up to 21 days to allow
them to empty out weed
seeds and show any signs
of illness

Request an Animal
Health Declaration for
arriving stock

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WEEDS

Weeds cost Australian's approximately \$2.5 billion in control measures each year.

Preventing weed spread in your area can protect from losses associated with weeds through competition with plants & animals, impacted farm machinery and illnesses in livestock

WEED HYGIENE

- Be aware of weeds in your area and prevent them from spreading by implementing a control strategy
- Ensure garden mulch and soil are from reputable sources and are clean
- To prevent contamination and spread of seeds, regularly clean your mowers and garden tools
- Follow correct spraying protocols
- Know what weeds are in areas where you are sourcing fodder, feed & grain and request a weed declaration form
- Isolate new livestock in a separate paddock to allow time to 'empty out' weed seeds
- Clean machinery & equipment coming on farm & between production areas



If unsure of weeds in your area, contact:
Invasive Species Branch (DPIPWE)
Ph: (03) 6165 3777
www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species

WEEDS TO WATCH

Capeweed



Autumn germinating plant
Flowers in late spring/early summer
Masses of yellow, daisy-like flowers

Paterson's Curse



Seedlings appear in Autumn
Flowers in Spring
Purple/blue trumpet shaped flowers

Serrated Tussock



Tussock forming grass
Flowers in Spring
Rough/serrated leaves