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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

## 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

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

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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

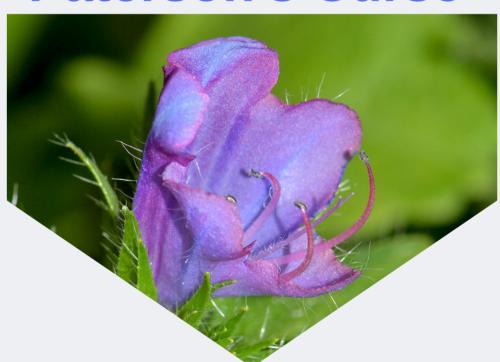
#### **WEEDS TO WATCH**

### **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