

## Keeping your animals healthy

Hobby farmers or small acreage farmers play a vital role in protecting their animals, our environment and the community from the impacts of pests and disease.

Below are important aspects you will need to consider if you are planning to buy, or already own, rent or lease a small farm enterprise or hobby farm.

### Register your property

All properties in Queensland that have livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, buffalo, deer or camelids (camels, llama, alpaca) or 100 or more poultry including caged birds) must be registered with Biosecurity Queensland.



### Identifying, moving and selling livestock

Rules apply for the identification, movement and selling of livestock in Queensland.

National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) approved devices must be fitted to all cattle, sheep, goats and pigs prior to movement from a property.

Transportation or movement of livestock may also require permits, waybills, vendor declarations or cattle tick treatments.

### Animal welfare

If you own, or have animals on your land, you have a legal duty of care to look after them. Providing appropriate food, water and shelter is required under Queensland Government legislation. Acts of animal cruelty are taken very seriously.

### Animal health and diseases

Contact your veterinarian immediately if any unusual clinical signs or unexpected animal deaths are seen.

If you've spotted something unusual in your animals always report it to:

- Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 (business hours)
- Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 88 (24 hours)

## Farm biosecurity

Farm biosecurity is a set of measures designed to protect a property from the entry and spread of pests and diseases. Protect your animals, plants and the environment by having a farm biosecurity plan.

Find out more by visiting  
[www.farmbiosecurity.com.au](http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au)

## Pest plants and animals

Under legislation some plants and animals are identified as posing a pest risk and others have become pest species. Landholders are responsible for controlling and preventing the spread of declared pest plants and animals on their property. Your local government or Biosecurity Queensland can provide more information on management options.

## Moving plants, plant material and related products

Moving plants, plant products or related risk items (such as soil or machinery) from one area to another can introduce or spread pests and disease. To prevent or limit this, restrictions apply. Regulations also apply to the movement of plants or produce interstate.

## Using agvet chemicals

When using agricultural or veterinary chemical products ensure they are registered and always read and follow instructions on the container label. Adhering to label instructions will minimise risks to human and animal health, the environment and trade.



## More information

For more information about your responsibilities contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit  
[www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au)