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South Australian Livestock Disease Surveillance

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The Livestock Disease Surveillance Program is a statewide initiative aimed at maintaining South Australia's highly regarded animal health status. The program covers all production livestock species including cattle, sheep, goats, alpacas, pigs and poultry.

How does disease surveillance support and protect South Australia's livestock industry?

- By providing proof to international markets that South Australia (and Australia) is free of certain diseases. Disease investigations and laboratory testing are essential in providing this proof.
- To detect exotic or newly emerging diseases as early as possible, to minimise the impact of such disease in regards to limiting spread; reducing the time and cost to control/eradicate.
- To help producers and vets properly investigate disease problems in order to minimise losses and prevent future occurrences.

What is the producers' role in supporting and protecting South Australia's livestock industry?

Producers need to:

- Report all disease events to your local vet or PIRSA Animal Health - remember exotic diseases can look the same as common everyday diseases.
- Have thorough disease investigations performed by their vets.

To assist individual producers **funding is available to subsidise the costs** involved in investigating disease problems by private vets.

Subsidies are available for a wide range of signs and severity including lameness, abortions and skin lesions through to larger events involving deaths. Ask your vet to check with PIRSA if your case is eligible for a subsidy!



FUNDING FOR FLOCK OR HERD PROBLEMS

Investigations and laboratory samples collected from live animals:

- > Laboratory fees paid (generally \$250 - \$500).

Investigations involving a post mortem or when an exotic disease isn't suspected but animals have similar signs:

- > Vet fee subsidy paid (generally \$225 - \$650).
- > Laboratory fees paid (generally \$500-\$1500).
- > Producer payments are also available (\$100 for sheep, \$300 for cattle) for Mad Cow and Scrapie exclusions – individual animals eligible.

Investigations of suspected exotic or emergency disease:

- > All vet fees paid.
- > All laboratory fees paid.

Subsidy amounts current as of September 2015, eligibility criteria apply (e.g. age of animals for Mad Cow and Scrapie exclusions).



**FOR ANY SIGNS OF UNEXPLAINED, UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ANIMAL ILLNESS
PLEASE CALL THE 24/7 DISEASE WATCH HOTLINE: 1800 675 888**