

# Foot-and-Mouth Disease prevention and preparedness program



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Local Land Services (LLS) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Prevention and Preparedness Program has been working towards improving NSW's biosecurity and preparedness to respond to Emergency Animal Diseases (EADs) since its announcement in August 2022.

The program has achieved some great outcomes to date across its 3 key projects.

## Animal biosecurity and welfare

- 3 training workshops in EAD investigation delivered to 94 private vets
- 228 private vet livestock disease diagnostic lab tests subsidised by LLS
- 415 livestock disease investigation tests completed by LLS District Veterinarians
- 2 EAD investigation training courses developed and delivered in partnership with Charles Sturt University. 30 LLS officers trained
- 2 behavioural research projects commissioned to better understand barriers and opportunities to producers reporting livestock diseases and to implement best practice farm biosecurity plans
- 4 EAD workshops delivered to landholders in partnership with NSW Farmers



1,564

1:1 consultations with landholders



136

1:1 consultations with private veterinarians



319

awareness raising and capacity building events



122

pest animal control programs completed



5

FMD saleyard livestock standstill exercises delivered



75,851

cloven hoofed pests culled

## Emergency management (EM)

- 5 purpose-built EAD rapid response trailers procured
- 5 FMD saleyard livestock standstill exercises delivered
- 1 MAX (EM case management system) FMD module developed in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries
- 349 LLS Officers received basic MAX training
- 16 LLS staff trained in EM data management response roles
- 1 EM Response Induction manual developed

## Vertebrate pest animal control

- 11 regions delivered 'proof of concept' local intensive pest control zone projects
- 122 pest animal control programs completed covering 6.5million ha
- 75,851 cloven-hoofed pests culled
- 7 feral pig control training sessions delivered to 96 landholders
- 11 feral pig management tools and techniques videos produced

## Upcoming priorities

- Continue to up-skill private vets in EAD investigation.
- Continue to build LLS capability in EAD investigation and FMD response preparedness.
- Deliver remaining pest control programs across NSW.

### More information



To find out more about the program scan the QR code.

Local Land Services is responsible for the design and delivery of \$22.8m of the NSW Government's \$65m package focused on FMD and other emergency animal diseases.