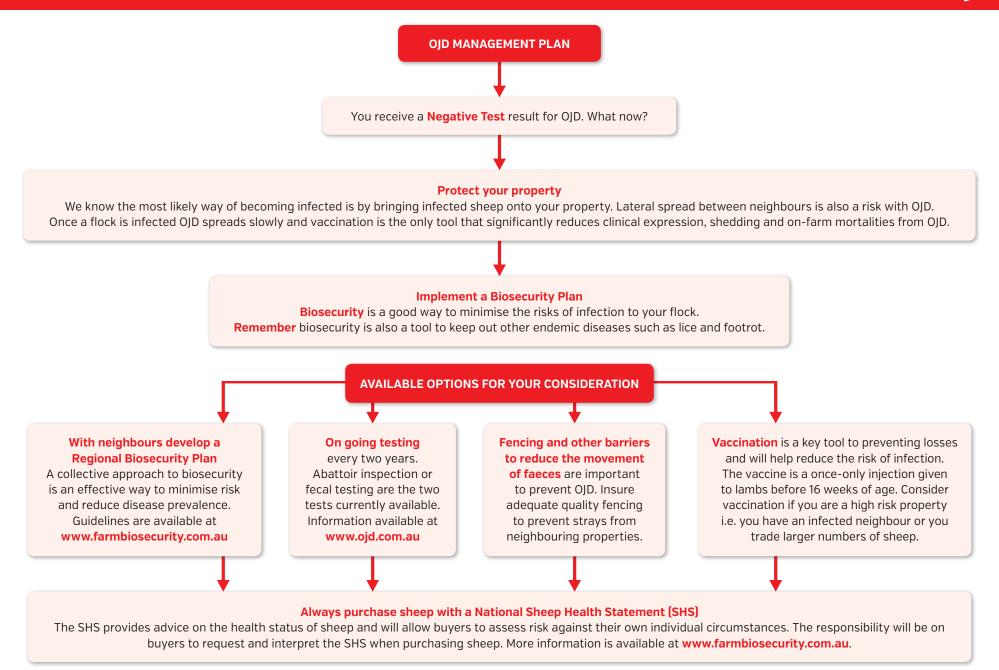
WHAT TO DO IF YOUR FLOCK TESTS NEGATIVE TO OJD







WHAT TO DO IF YOUR FLOCK TESTS POSITIVE TO OJD



Tell your neighbours and potential purchasers

OJD is not regulated in the majority of States, but owners have a duty-of-care not to sell diseased animals and to report disease to government.

Undertake a risk assessment to identify when infection may have occurred and where it came from

We know the most likely cause of infection is from brought-in sheep or from neighbours. If the infection is relatively recent you will have a different management plan to an infection that has been undetected for any years.

Implement a Property Disease Management Plan

Professional advice is available from vets or farm consultants. A property disease management plan aims to control or reduce the level of infection in an infected flock, reduce pasture contamination on an infected property, minimise the risk of OJD spreading to neighbouring properties and establish lines of low-risk sheep for trading purposes. They can also assist in resolving an infected status as per the Standards, Definitions, Rules and Guidelines for OJD.

OPTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION - more information is available at www.ojd.com.au

Vaccination is a key tool in OJD infected flocks. The vaccine is a once-only injection given to lambs before 16 weeks of age. Vaccination is most effective if started immediately after infection is identified.

Monitor the incidence of OJD

through abattoir monitoring and by investigating ewe mortalities. This will indicate how established the disease is on the property and how much of the flock has been exposed.

Flock profiling

to identify high-risk age groups.

Grazing Management particularly in cropping areas

This may involve:

- Partial or full destocking of property
 Managing grazing paddocks so that lower-risk paddocks are available for weaners
 - 3. Selling older sheep.

Work with neighbours

to maintain boundary fences and establish a plan for dealing with strays.

Always purchase sheep with a National Sheep Health Statement (SHS)

The SHS provides advice on the full health status of sheep and will allow buyers to assess risk against their own individual circumstances. The responsibility will be on buyers to request a SHS when purchasing sheep. More information is available at www.farmbiosecurity.com.au.



