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# THE NATIONAL SHEEP INDUSTRY BIOSECURITY STRATEGY 2019-24

Biosecurity is the management of risks to the economy, the environment and the community created by invasive species and diseases entering, emerging, establishing or spreading.

Biosecurity is a shared responsibility between governments, industry organisations, the community and individual animal & land owners. No one individual or group can do it all.

This Strategy positions the sheep industry to take a consistent approach to biosecurity risk management, recognising that risks are constantly increasing due to a number of global factors, allowing the industry to leverage existing resources, activities and investments, and meet its obligations under legislation and national arrangements.

The Australian sheep flock's biosecurity status and reputation for integrity underpins the

productivity, competitiveness and resilience of the industry.

Key to the strategy's success will be ensuring all people within the industry play their part through:

- Demonstrating leadership and informed decision making
- Tapping into industry expertise and knowledge
- Working in collaboration and through partnerships
- Taking a consistent approach to endemic and exotic biosecurity risks
- Focusing on the highest priority risks
- Improving effectiveness of industry systems through use of modern technology
- Demonstrating the value of taking action
- Ensuring that we are consistent with national and international standards



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# PLAN ON A PAGE: THE NATIONAL SHEEP INDUSTRY BIOSECURITY STRATEGY

## OUR VISION

Market access and productivity is protected and improved through a unified, accountable and progressive biosecurity system that has integrity and is understood by all participants within the sheep industry.

## OUR GOAL

Improve the resilience of the sheep industry by minimising both the risks and impacts of diseases and pests, encouraging producers to take ownership of their own on-farm strategy, and fostering a consistent, national approach to biosecurity across the whole of the sheep supply chain.

## OUR THEMES

Collaboration and partnerships	Understanding priority risks	Consistent national approach	Protecting the farm	Improving biosecurity systems	Improving capability and capacity
Achieving key biosecurity outcomes by working with producers, our members and stakeholders on strategic co-investments	Addressing the changing risks within the sheep industry by facilitating the sharing of information, intelligence and resources	Taking the lead on developing nationally consistent industry policies and influencing government legislation	Promoting the adoption of on-farm biosecurity practices through developing tools, case studies and extension resources.	Ensuring traceability, surveillance and reporting systems are working to maintain and improve market access	Ensuring producers and industry representatives are trained and prepared to respond to present and future challenges

## MEASURING SUCCESS

The sheep industry is recognised as a leader for its whole-of-industry approach to biosecurity	Biosecurity risks are well understood and investment is focused for the greatest impact	Policies, programs and legislation are consistent across Australia and meet the needs of key markets	The sheep supply chain is aware of, invested and engaged in proactive biosecurity management	There is high market confidence in the sheep industry's disease status and reporting	Industry plans are contemporary and industry responds effectively to challenges
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