

EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS



Know the signs for Foot-and-mouth Disease and Lumpy Skin Disease.

Report anything unusual to the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline** on [1800 675 888](tel:1800675888) (free call within Australia).

There is currently a heightened risk of both Foot-and-mouth disease and Lumpy Skin Disease entering Australia following outbreaks in nearby countries. It's vital that everyone in the Australian Dairy industry play their part in preventing outbreaks of these diseases in our country.



Please use the downloadable resources below to help prevent these diseases and prepare your business in case there is an outbreak.

• **Foot-and-Mouth Disease [FMD]**

- [More information](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [National Response Plan](#) (AUSVETPLAN)
- [Update your farm's Biosecurity Plan](#)
- [Download staff and visitor risk assessment](#)
- [General biosecurity information](#)
- [Use of footbaths](#)

Dairy farmers can obtain free biosecurity gate signs, visitor logs and biosecurity plans from their Dairy Australia [Regional Team](#).

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- **Lumpy Skin Disease [LSD]**

Skin Disease [LSD]

- [Signs to Look For](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
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What should farms do now to prepare?

There are some simple steps all farmers and farm workers can undertake to help reduce the risk of Foot-and-mouth Disease and Lumpy Skin Disease outbreaks on their farms.

1. **Be aware of the signs of each disease** (see the links above) and keep a close eye on your herd for any signs of an outbreak. Immediately report anything unusual to the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888**
2. **Ensure your farm has an up-to-date biosecurity plan** and everybody on the farm team understands and complies with the plan. Use the link in the table above to update your farm's plan.
3. **Limit all unnecessary stock movements on or off your farm**, as the most likely source of infection on-farm is through infected stock.
4. **Adhere to all traceability obligations**, including meeting your requirements under the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) and completing National Vendor Declarations so they are clear, complete and correct.
5. **Ensure that anyone who has travelled outside Australia (especially Bali and Indonesia and excluding * [FMD-free countries](#)*) does not come on-farm for at least 7 days** .
Undertake risk assessments for all visitors or staff that come onto farm.

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