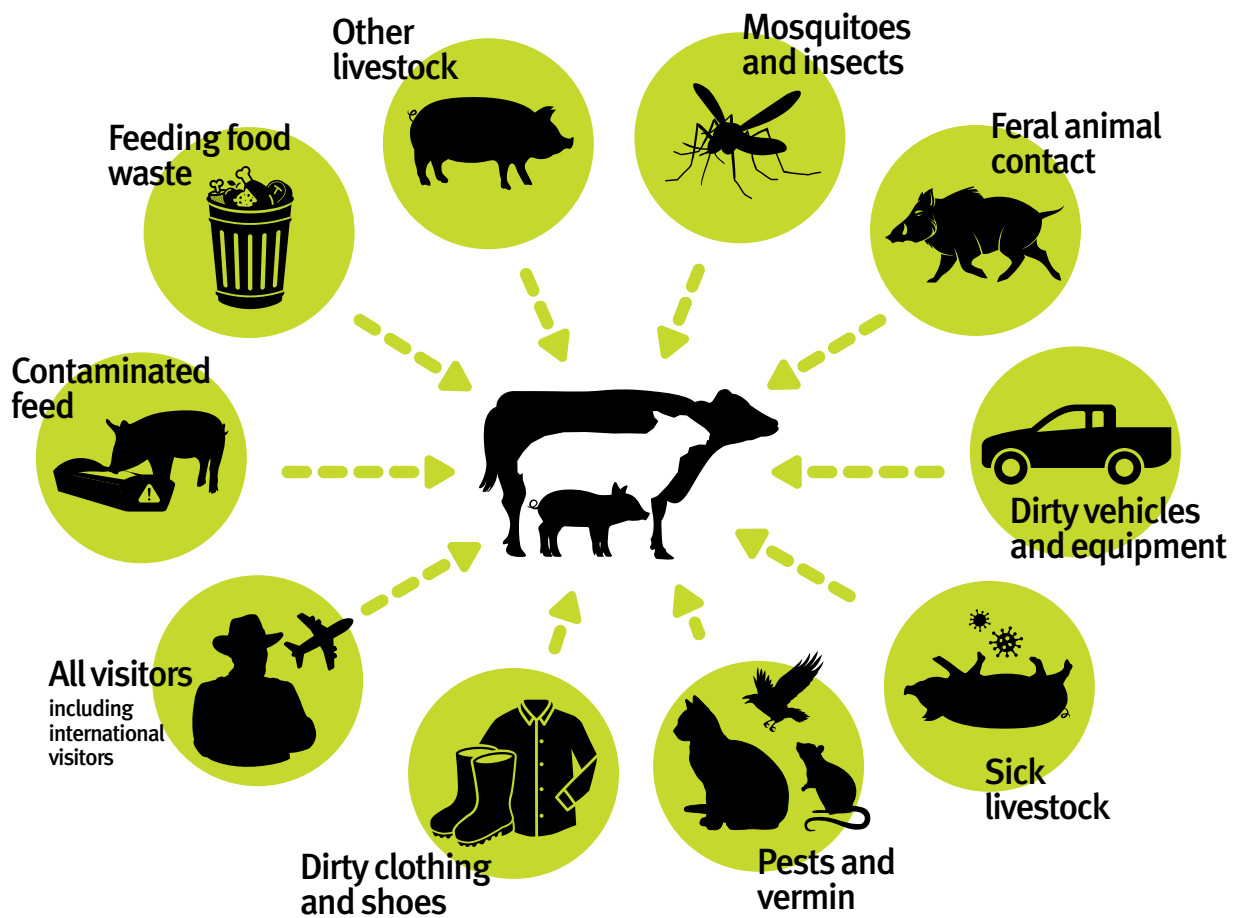




Protect against emergency animal diseases and pests

Emergency animal diseases and pests can enter your property in many ways. These need to be considered and mitigated as part of your biosecurity planning.



Protect your property

Follow these steps to safeguard your property against animal diseases and pests.

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
Learn how to protect your property	Have a biosecurity management plan in place	Ensure your biosecurity entity registration details are up-to-date	Stay informed with the latest information
			



Biosecurity basics: **ways to prevent risk to your property**

Farm biosecurity planning helps property owners manage biosecurity risks, which can include anything that may spread disease, pests or weeds.

Owners should implement biosecurity practices that address the biosecurity risks identified for their property.

Below are some key biosecurity risks that may impact a property and actions to consider adding to your biosecurity management plan.

Insect vectors:

Insects such as mosquitoes, ticks and biting flies can spread disease and negatively impact on animal health and welfare.

- Implement an integrated control program to reduce biting insect populations.
- Look at livestock during periods of risk (after rain when insect populations increase).

Pest and vermin, or feral animals:

Pest animals such as wild birds or feral animals and vermin can introduce disease onto livestock properties.

- Erect external fencing that is sufficient to keep feral or wild animals out of livestock areas.
- Implement a feral animal management program on your property.
- Manage vermin where feed is kept, reducing disease transmission or potential contamination of feed sources.

All visitors:

Visitors may accidentally introduce disease or pests by their vehicle, equipment, clothing or footwear.

- Display biosecurity signage at your front gate, advising visitors of entry requirements.
- Keep a visitor register (e.g. farm check-in).
- Provide visitors with a property map, including designated tracks and roads if the visitor is crossing your property, to reduce weed spread.
- Ensure visitors who have arrived from overseas do not have contact with livestock for at least seven days.

Sick livestock:

Isolate sick livestock (where practical) and report unusual signs in livestock immediately to your veterinarian. Dispose of carcasses appropriately.

Vehicles and equipment:

- Come clean and go clean – ensure vehicles and equipment coming on to or going off your property are clean.

Clothing and footwear:

- Practice good hygiene and wear clean clothes and footwear when visiting and returning to properties.

Contaminated feed:

Contaminated feed may carry disease or pests.

- Source stockfeed from a reputable supplier that operates under a quality-assurance program.
- Understand the ruminant feed ban program, including what livestock owners can do to meet their requirements.

Feeding food waste:

People food is not pig food. Food that contains or has been in contact with meat, meat products, eggs, imported milk or milk products or untreated cooking fats and oils must not be fed to pigs or poultry (swill feeding) as it may contain diseases. Swill feeding is illegal in Queensland.

Other livestock:

Introducing new livestock to your property may spread diseases, pest or weeds.

- Purchase livestock from a known and reliable disease-free source and seek written assurances about their health status, including vaccinations.
- Inspect introduced livestock on arrival and isolate for 14 days in yards or holding paddocks to watch for signs of disease before introducing to other animals on your property.
- Ensure livestock movement records are reported in the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database within 48 hours and all movement records, including vendor declarations are complete and stored appropriately.

Report suspected cases of emergency animal diseases to your veterinarian and the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline** on **1800 675 888** immediately.

More information:

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