

LIVESTOCK RECORDS POLICY

Livestock records are kept to track all movements, treatments and processing of cattle. Records are maintained in a timely, accurate manner to ensure any business planning and decision making is responsive to climatic and commodity changes.

Action

STOCK FEEDSTUFF RECORDS

- Details of mineral and vitamin supplementation given to cattle are recorded in the feedstuff purchase record

TREATMENT RECORDS

- Document vaccination programs in stock record system (temporarily on whiteboard or diary, then spreadsheet)

STOCK HEALTH RECORDS

- Livestock deaths, disease occurrence and poor health animal performance are recorded

STOCK MOVEMENT RECORDS

- Document animal movements in stock record system (temporarily on whiteboard or diary, then spreadsheet)
- Stock moved onto the property from another PIC must be updated on the NLIS database within 7 days of arrival
- Consignment dates on NVDs must correlate with the dates on the NLIS database
- Purchased bulls are unloaded and immediately moved to the quarantine paddock for 28 days
- Cattle trucked off the PIC are accompanied with a NVD.
- Organic cattle travel with an Organic declaration
- MSA cattle travel with a MSA vendor declaration
- PCAS cattle travel with a PCAS vendor declaration
- Where cattle are organic, PCAS and MSA certified a vendor declaration for each certification must travel with the cattle
- Carbon copies of vendor declarations are kept with print outs of MSA feedback and kill sheet reports
- Cattle moved between properties with the same PIC number are recorded on a waybill
- A National Cattle Health Declaration is completed for all cattle in transit to not end of line customers (ie cattle sold through saleyards will travel with one but not direct to meatworks cattle)

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FEEDSTUFF PURCHASE RECORDS

EXCEL SPREADSHEET

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NLIS DATABASE

DECLARATIONS & FEEDBACK FOLDER

NATIONAL CATTLE HEALTH DECLARATION



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IDENTIFICATION RECORDS

- All cattle are identified with a NLIS tag and branded. Calves are earmarked and branded with a symbol fire brand and number age fire brand according to the financial year they were born into. For example, 2018-2019 financial year calves are branded with a 9
- All organic cattle are visually identifiable with either a pink ear tag or by year brand
- All PCAS cattle are visually identifiable with the same markers as organic cattle
- Orphaned calves fed milk formula and weaner pellets are not eligible for organic or PCAS certification and are identified with management ear tags
- All introduced stock are scanned and transferred on the NLIS database to recognise their change of PIC
- Stock with missing NLIS tags are issued new tags in the stock yards when identified as missing a tag
- Individual NLIS tags that are found loose in the paddock or removed from dead animals are recorded in the NLIS database as inactive

NLIS DATABASE MANAGEMENT

- NLIS database reconciliations are conducted annually and tags identified as missing have their status changed to inactive on the database

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