LPA On-Farm Biosecurity Plan

KEEP THIS BIOSECURITY PLAN WITH YOUR OTHER FARM RECORDS AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED BY AN AUDITOR.

| Property name: University of Queensland ODGC Farms | Owner: University of Queensland |
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| Property address: 5391 WARREGO HWY LAWES QLD 4343 | Manager: Steven Duncan |
| PIC: QDGT0589 | Veterinarian name and phone number: University of Queensland Production Animal Service 0754601799 |
| Date: 9/10/2023 | Local Animal Health Office number (government): 0746977228 |
| Review date: 9/10/2024 | Emergency Animal Disease hotline: 1800 675 888 |

| Stock inventory | | |
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| Stock type | Stock number (average for the year) | |
| Cattle | 1200 | |
| Sheep | 120 | |
| Goats | 83 | |

| 1 | Inputs - Livestock and Feed | Answer | Comment | |
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| 1.1 | Livestock | | | |
| 1.1.1 | Are all stock that arrive on the property (including livestock travelling back to the property from shows, agistment or contract joining) checked for their health status? | Yes | A pre-purchase examination of all introduced stock is made to ensure only healthy stock are introduced. Pre-purchase exam performed by Farms Manager, UQ veterinarian or an assigned member of veterinary/animal science staff | |
| 1.1.2 | Are all introduced livestock accompanied with information on animal treatments and is a health status provided via a National Vendor Declaration (NVD) and Animal Health Declaration (AHD)? | Yes | Livestock will only be purchased from suppliers who have a food safety or quality assurance program and can provide information and Animal Health Declaration. All Animal Health Declarations are to be kept for at least 7 years. Purchased semen goes through all required checks before introduction to herd/campus | |
| 1.1.3 | Do all introduced livestock (including livestock travelling back to the property from shows, agistment or contract joining) undergo a period of quarantine where practical? | Yes | If stock is introduced, the stock must be quarantined for a period of 14 days, or longer if disease test results are incomplete. Stock leaving for short periods (agistment, shows etc) must be quarantined from the rest of the herd for a period of at least 7 days upon their return. Stock should be examined by a suitably trained staff member for signs of disease before release from quarantine. | |
| 1.1.4 | Do all introduced livestock have sufficient time to empty out in the yards prior to their release? | Yes | If stock is introduced, the stock must be quarantined for a period of 14 days, or longer if disease test results are incomplete. | |
| 1.1.5 | Are all incoming livestock identified and recorded in accordance with NLIS requirements? | Yes | NLIS transfers are checked and completed within 48 hours of stock arriving onsite | |
| 1.2 | Feed | | | |
| 1.2.1 | Is stock feed inspected on delivery to ensure it is fit for purpose (e.g. free from pest damage and visual contaminants)? If damaged or contaminated, is there a plan in place for its return or disposal? | Yes | Most hay and silage is grown and produced on campus. Grain, pellets, protein meals (soy, canola meal) come from Aus & overseas. All purchased commodities come with a vendor declaration. Stock feed is inspected on arrival to ensure it matches what was ordered. | |
| 1.2.2 | Is stock feed stored in a manner that prevents contamination by livestock, vermin, wildlife, feral and domestic animals and other feed types e.g. those containing Restricted Animal Material (RAM)? | Yes | Do not feed RAM products to ruminants. All poultry and pig feed on campus is transported and stored separately to ruminant feed. | |
| 2 | People, Vehicles and Equipment | Answer | Comment | |
| 2.1 | Are there strategies in place to minimise the risk of disease incursion onto the property by visitors or machinery? | Yes | All entrances to the property have biosecurity signs and directions to contact staff if animal access is required. All animal areas have restricted access. Visitors and students to animal areas are required to sign in on entry to the area. No lending of equipment is permitted unless biosecurity procedures are followed. Staff, students and visitors returning from overseas must not have any direct contact wth livestock within | |

| | | | 7 days of arrival into Australia. UQ Campus Biosecurity plan in place. |
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| 3 | Production Practices | Answer | Comment |
| 3.1 | Livestock monitoring | | |
| 3.1.1 | Are livestock inspected regularly to ensure the early detection of sick animals? | Yes | All livestock is regularly inspected. |
| 3.2 | Animal Health Management | | |
| 3.2.1 | Have you implemented practices that help protect your livestock from diseases endemic to your region? | Yes | Best practice management practices for livestock health and welfare are reviewed and implemented where applicable. Staff are in regular communication with the Campus Vet team and receive relevant industry group bulletins. |
| 3.2.2 | Do you seek advice from a veterinarian or government officer in relation to any unusual sickness or death event? | Yes | Animals are regularly checked by staff that are trained to identify animals with unusual signs of disease. Any unusual signs are reported to the UQ vet immediately. Any suspect cases are investigated and the CVO is notified |
| 3.2.3 | Have you implemented any strategies for managing livestock diseases on-farm (e.g. Johne's Disease)? | Yes | Staff review and update relevant best practice management strategies for livestock health and welfare as they arise. Any unusual signs of disease is reported the the Campus Vet, investigated and notified to CVO, in accordance with legislation. Stock is tested for JD on a triennial basis. |
| 3.3 | Carcase, manure and waste management | | |
| 3.3.1 | Are carcase disposal and household garbage areas contained and secure to prevent access by livestock, feral animals and wildlife? | Yes | General waste, Animal and biological waste is kept separate and disposed of by SUEZ waste diposal company. |
| 3.4 | Fences Control of the | | |
| 3.4.1 | Are fences, especially boundary fences, regularly inspected and adequately maintained? | Yes | The fence of every paddock is checked as routine before stock enter the paddock and as part of animal welfare checks. Fences are inspected regularly and maintained or replaced as required. |
| 4 | Pests and Weeds | Answer | Comment |
| 4.1 | Are there documented feral animal, wildlife and weed-control programs in operation and do they include monitoring and management activities? | Yes | Facilities are kept in high order to to deter vermin, pests or wild animals. Feral birds are controlled as best as possible through trapping and making areas uninhabitable. Stray dogs/dingoes are controlled as required. Areas are inspected regularly for weeds and the team has procedures to identify, treat and control areas of concern. |
| 5 | Outgoing Products | Answer | Comment |
| 5.1 | Are all livestock moved off the property accompanied with information on animal treatments, and is a health status provided via an NVD/eNVD and AHD? | Yes | All animals are confirmed fit to load before leaving the property. Animals are accompanied by treatment records and AHD if required and health status is provided by NVD |

| 6 | Train - Plan - Record | Answer | Comment |
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| 6.1 | Training | | |
| 6.1.1 | Do all personnel responsible for management and husbandry understand their role in the implementation of biosecurity practices on-farm, and know how to identify sick and injured livestock? | Yes | Staff have face to face and online training on welfare and biosecurity. All staff are aware of manager & vet contact numbers. Plan to have all relevent staff complete LPA learning modules |
| 6.1.2 | Do all personnel responsible for management and husbandry know where to find contact details for the local vet(s) and government animal health officer(s), and what to do in the event of a suspected emergency animal disease? | Yes | Staff are aware of vet contact details. Vets and managers are aware of goverment health officer contact details. Plan to display EAD hotline in a visible locations around campus. |
| 6.2 | Documentation and record keeping | | |
| 6.2.1 | Do you record animal health activities and treatments to maintain herd/flock health history and provide accurate NVDs/eNVDs and AHDs when selling livestock? | Yes | All animal health activities and treatments are recorded. NVDs and AHDs are provided when required. |
| 6.2.2 | Are all vulnerable personnel working on the property vaccinated for identified risk diseases such as Q Fever and tetanus and, where appropriate, have stock been vaccinated to prevent animal-to-human transmissible diseases such as leptospirosis? | Yes | All UQ staff and students working with large animals are encouraged to be QFever tested/vaccinated and records are kept by HR. Tetnus, Flu, JEV & Covid vaccinations are recommended. Vaccination programs have been implemented for all livestock and records are maintained. |
| 6.2.3 | Do you review your farm biosecurity management plan annually? | Yes | This Biosecurity plan is reviewed annually. Staff undertake property inspections regularly. The UQ campus Biosecurity Committe members also identify biosecurity issues and update the UQ Campus Biosecurity Plan regularly. |
| 7 | Queensland Biosecurity Management Plan Requirements | Answer | Comment |
| 7.1 | I declare this is a biosecurity management plan in accordance with Section 41B of the Queensland Biosecurity Regulation 2016. | Yes | This Biosecurity Management Plan and the University of Queensland Campus Biosecurity Plan. |
| 7.2 | I declare the purpose of this plan is to state the measures to prevent, control or stop the spread of biosecurity matter into, at, or from the management areas as defined in the biosecurity management plan, pursuant to the Queensland Biosecurity Regulation 2016. | Yes | The purpose of this Biosecurity plan and the UQ Gatton Campus Biosecurity Plan is to state biosecurity management measures taken at University of Queensland Gatton Campus |

| 7.3 | I declare signage is in place at the entry to all areas covered by this biosecurity management plan to instruct visitors to contact the person and sign in either in a visitor logbook or using the Farm Check-In app. | Yes | Signage is in place at all entrances of the UQ Gatton Campus |
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| 7.4 | I declare this plan is available to all visitors during business hours. | Yes | This Biosecurity plan and the UQ Gatton Campus Biosecurity Plan are both available on the UQ Gatton website. |
| 8 | Johne's Disease Specific Practices for Cattle | Answer | Comment |
| 8.1 | Do you know the Johne's Disease (JD) status and level of risk of the livestock being introduced? | Yes | Introduced stock are required to be purchased from a JBAS 7 property or better. All UQ animal units are required to test introduced stock prior to release from quarantine. |
| 8.2 | Are all suspect clinical cases investigated and notified to state department as required? | Yes | Herd Health checks are performed regularly. Any suspect cases are reported to the Campus Vet and reported to the CVO in accordance with legislation. |
| 8.3 | If there is JD on the property, is the potential exposure minimised to limit the spread of infection (or risk of infection) through the culling of infected livestock, grazing management and vaccination, as appropriate? | N/A | |
| 8.4 | If there are other JD susceptible ruminants on the property (e.g. sheep, goats or alpaca), do you prevent them from co-grazing with cattle, and/or have practices (e.g. testing and vaccination) in place to minimise JD risk? | Yes | Sheep, Goats and Alpacas are kept separate from and don't co-graze with cattle. |
| 8.6 | Only for J-BAS 7 and 8 – Has there been veterinary oversight in the development of this biosecurity plan? | Yes | The University of Queensland Vets and Production Animal Service have provided testing and oversee the development of this Biosecurity Plan and the Gatton Campus Biosecurity Plan |
| 8.7 | Only for J-BAS 7 and 8 – Has a triennial Check Test been completed with negative results (or Sample Test if progressing to a higher J-BAS level)? | Yes | Triennial Test has been completed. Laboratory results are kept on file. |