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## Don't bring back more than memories

Farmers, researchers, agronomists, government agency staff, scholarship recipients and tourists from rural areas need to be hyper vigilant with their hygiene practices when returning from overseas trips.

Grains Farm Biosecurity Officer, Jim Moran, says that by taking unnecessary risks with hygiene, people are putting Australia's agricultural industries at risk.

"Just because you get through customs at Tullamarine or Sydney doesn't mean you are not posing an enormous risk to our grains industry upon your return," Mr Moran said.

"That's not good enough, and it's got to stop." Mr Moran said.

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## Biosecurity can make or break a farm, but it's life or death for livestock!



Biosecurity signs have popped up on farm gates around the country as graziers continue to secure their farms against disease, pest and weed threats. Yet for many producers, especially in what's known as the intensive livestock industries, these signs are commonplace, and have been for some time.

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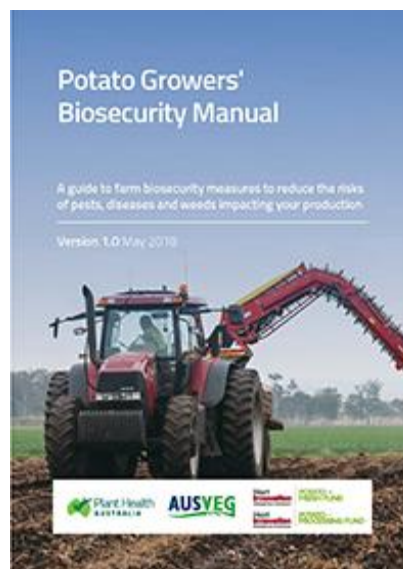
## New biosecurity manual for potato growers

The Potato Growers' Biosecurity Manual is a guide to farm biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of weeds, pests, and diseases impacting production. It was developed by Plant Health Australia in consultation

with AUSVEG and potato growers across NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

The manual is designed to be used by potato growers and their staff, as well as contractors, processors, researchers, and consultants working in the potato industry. It gives specific advice on what potato producers need to be aware of, and what measures they should be taking on their farm to reduce biosecurity risks.

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## Managing wildlife: a necessary evil for good biosecurity and land management



A number of proposed or completed culls of wild animals have gained publicity recently, including plans to reduce the number of brumbies in Victoria's alpine regions, calls to lift quotas on kangaroo harvesting in New South Wales, and competitive pig hunts in Queensland. Despite sound arguments for this type of population management, culling is always controversial.

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## Farm biosecurity is central to good land management

By implementing simple biosecurity measures in your day-to-day operations, you will improve your own biosecurity and that of your region, while minimising production losses and unnecessary costs.

That's the key message for producers from the Farm Biosecurity project, a joint initiative of Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia.

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## New documents for Interstate Certificate Assurance scheme

There are new documents for the Interstate Certificate Assurance Scheme available on the **Australian Interstate Quarantine** website. Most are for plant producers in Western Australia to access markets for their goods interstate, but two others are updates to ICA 4 (Fumigation with methyl bromide) for growers in Queensland and New South Wales producers.

To check what conditions may apply, go to the **Producers section** of the Australian Interstate Quarantine website.

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## Poultry for show and sale

A new guide has been developed to assist poultry dealers, agents, vendors, buyers and show societies to better educate people handling and transporting poultry about best practice and legal obligations when showing and selling poultry.

Please contact AHA at [publications@animalhealthaustralia.com.au](mailto:publications@animalhealthaustralia.com.au) to order a hardcopy.

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### New citrus canker Restricted Area in Marrakai

Essential tracing activities as part of the citrus canker emergency response have again proved invaluable in identifying another infected plant site in the Marrakai area.

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### Supplying unregistered insect repellents could come back to bite

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority is encouraging retailers to stock only APVMA registered natural insect repellents to avoid heavy fines and risking customer safety.

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### Just 2% of Kiwis think biosecurity threats affect them

Roger Smith, the head of Biosecurity New Zealand, ordered a survey to poll the sentiments of NZ citizens. The survey shows that the vast majority of Kiwis don't think the issue affects them.

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### Vets say now is the time to vaccinate your horse to help prevent Hendra virus disease

With the arrival of winter, the Australian Veterinary Association is reminding horse owners of the importance of vaccination to help prevent the deadly Hendra virus in their horses.

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### Sheep agistment tips

If you're considering making your vineyard available for others to run sheep, understanding associated biosecurity risks can avoid a pest, disease or weed being inadvertently moved onto your vineyard.

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### New wheat stripe rust pathotype detected in eastern Australia

A new stripe rust pathotype detected at two separate locations in Victoria during 2017 may have important implications for some wheat varieties grown in eastern Australia.

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### Increased need for Commodity Vendor Declarations in the dry

The chase is on as livestock producers try and source good quality fodder to feed to their stock as winter arrives.

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### Vets fear anthrax cases in southern Queensland were confused for pimelea

Vets fear the recent spate of pimelea deaths in the south west may have actually been caused by anthrax and are warning all producers in the affected Maranoa and Balonne area to burn all carcasses as a precaution.

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