

# Welcome to our farm



We would appreciate you reading this important information before coming onto our farm.

Pigs are highly susceptible to disease. Some viruses can survive on items such as clothing, footwear, in soil and organic matter, equipment, vehicles and in food. This makes it possible for diseases to be spread by people, and that's why it's important that you adhere to our farm biosecurity requirements.

Biosecurity is about the actions we can take to protect animals and plants from pests and diseases.

On our farm, we ask that before you enter our sheds or come into contact with pigs, you:



shower thoroughly and wear clean clothes



scrub your boots, making sure they are free from soil and other contaminants



wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitiser



clean and disinfect equipment



adhere to any other biosecurity requirements.



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and Water Resources



Do not feed our pigs any meat, food containing meat, or dairy products. This is called swill feeding, and it is illegal in Australia.

## Diseases of concern

African swine fever (ASF) is a notifiable, highly contagious and deadly pig disease that is not present in Australia.

ASF is harmless to humans but there is no cure for pigs. This disease would cause devastating economic losses for Australia's pork industry.

Signs of ASF in infected pigs include fever, weakness, lethargy, reduced appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, red, blotchy or black skin lesions, runny nose and eye discharge, coughing or difficulty breathing, staggering, fits and abortions. Sudden death can also occur.

Foot and mouth disease is also a serious disease that affects not only pigs but also cattle, sheep and other cloven-hoofed animals.

FMD could be introduced to Australia in the same ways as ASF. If introduced, it would have a devastating impact on Australia's livestock production and export industries.

In Australia, suspect animal diseases must be reported. If you do see unusual signs of disease in pigs, immediately report it to a local veterinarian or call the Emergency Animal Disease Watch hotline on **1800 675 888**.

## Have you travelled from overseas?

Recent outbreaks of ASF in China, Vietnam and Europe increase the risk of ASF entering Australia. The Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources screens passengers, cargo and mail coming into Australia to manage the risk of pests and diseases. However, you also have a responsibility when travelling or ordering goods online.

There is a ban on mailing or bringing pork and pork products (in luggage and personal belongings) into Australia.

Before you pack your bags to travel to Australia, you should wash your clothes and clean any equipment, particularly if they have been worn or used around animals, on farms, in rural areas or markets. This includes equipment used for hunting, hiking and camping. If you bring items that have soil, manure or other contamination on them, they may need to be treated at your expense.

Check the requirements for travelling to or mailing goods to Australia at **[agriculture.gov.au/travelling](http://agriculture.gov.au/travelling)**.

