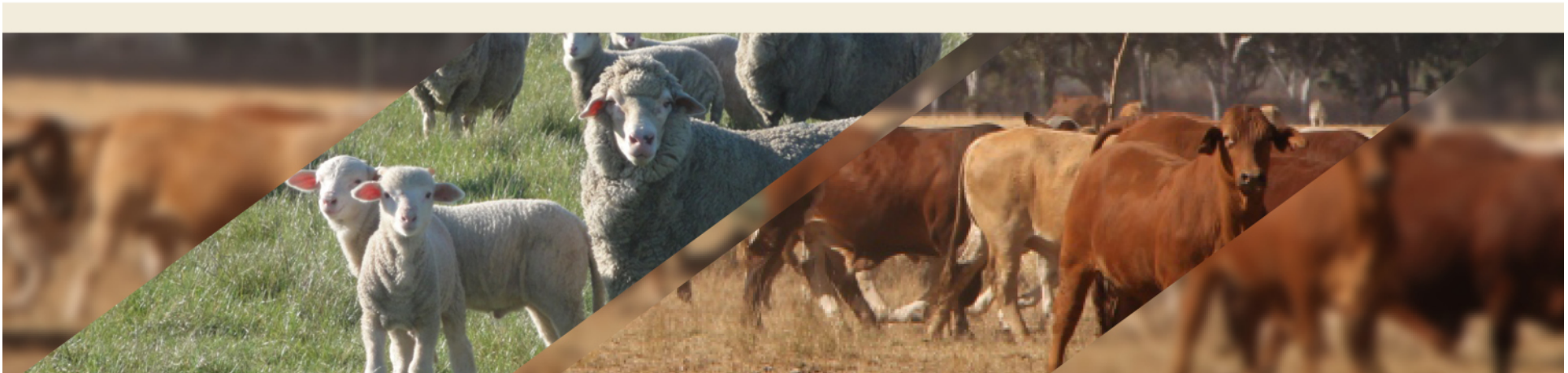




## **BIOSECURITY FOR YOUR SHOW**

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## Biosecurity for your show

- Who is LBN and how can it assist?
- Why is biosecurity and planning important?
- Trial workshop – Singleton evaluation
- Risk assessment for your ground – what are your risks?
- Putting the biosecurity plan into action
- Resources, statements and declarations

# The organisation - LBN

Industry funded



- 3 year pilot project
- Officers covering all states and territories
- Board of directors – 2 CCA, 1 SMC, 1 WPA

## Importance of biosecurity and planning



- Not NEW= proactive form of risk management

Why is biosecurity a concern at regional shows?

- Congregation of animals=higher risk
- Geographical spread of animals =higher risk
- Visitor-animal contact
- Shared water, equipment etc.

**You are most probably already practicing good biosecurity! But is there more you can do?**

## Trial workshop (May 2015) – Singleton

- Workshop aim:
  - To promote an active attitude towards biosecurity
  - To START the conversations and processes around identifying opportunities and actions to improve risk management
  - To start developing actions to address identified biosecurity risks



## Developing an Event Biosecurity Plan

- **What is it?**
  - Identifies risks or risk pathways or ‘hotspots’ and outlines their management.
- **Ask yourself the following questions:**
  - What do I want to control?
  - What level of risk am I prepared to accept?
  - What biosecurity practices are already in place? Are they effective? Can they be improved?

## Recommended Biosecurity Practices

- **Event organisers**
  - Key positions identified (biosecurity Officer, vet, venue manager)
  - Understand/practice biosecurity requirements (hygiene management, required health status, traceability)
  - Strict access pathways (visitor parking, exhibitor parking)
  - Manage effluent waste – identified locations for waste
  - Develop simple biosecurity plan, this could include MAP audits, separations



## Recommended Biosecurity Practices

- **Exhibitors**
  - Only take healthy animals
  - Don't share equipment, water or bedding
  - Ensure pens and housing are properly cleaned before stock enter
  - Update NLIS and contact details
  - Effluent waste managed
  - Regularly inspect your stock for signs of disease at event
  - Isolate returning animals





## Recommended Biosecurity Practices

- **Visitors**



- Park in designated parking areas
- Visit only designated areas (for safety also)
- Minimise contact with event animals
- Hand washing if in contact with animals

## Developing an Event Biosecurity Plan

- There are **four basic steps** to follow when developing a Biosecurity Plan:
  1. Identify and assess the risks (mostly arise from access and movement hygiene)
  2. Determine what an acceptable risk level is for you and look to mitigate risks (e.g. setting limits or standards)
  3. Devise an action plan to help you prioritise practices
  4. Monitor and review your plan – this should be often!

## Resources, statements, declarations

- Livestock Biosecurity Information Handbook for NSW Shows (John Lee)
- Declarations and statements required –  
<http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/>
- CattleMAP, SheepMAP audited biosecurity plan

# Questions?

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