



AHA in the biosecurity picture

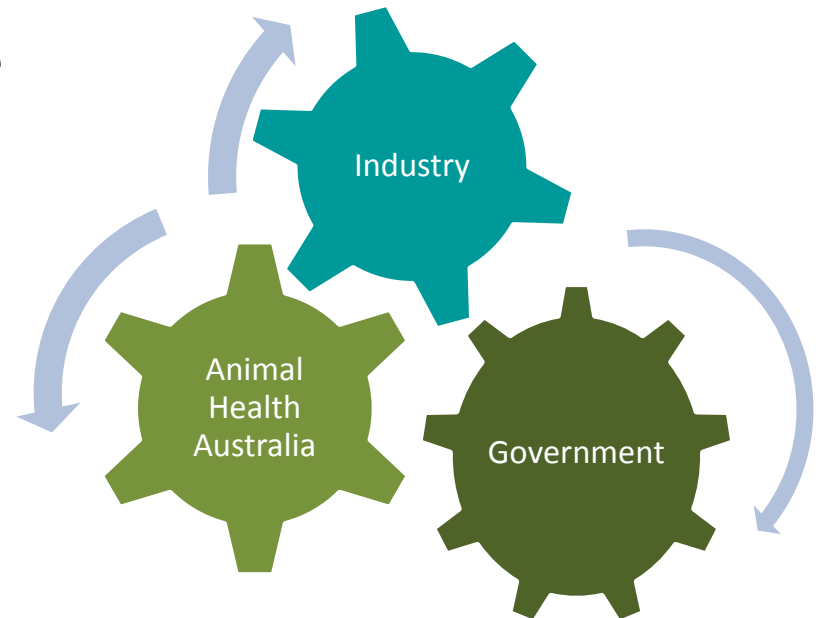
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OUTLINE

1. Who is Animal Health Australia (AHA)?
2. AHA's projects
 - Emergency Animal Disease
 - Market Access
 - Biosecurity

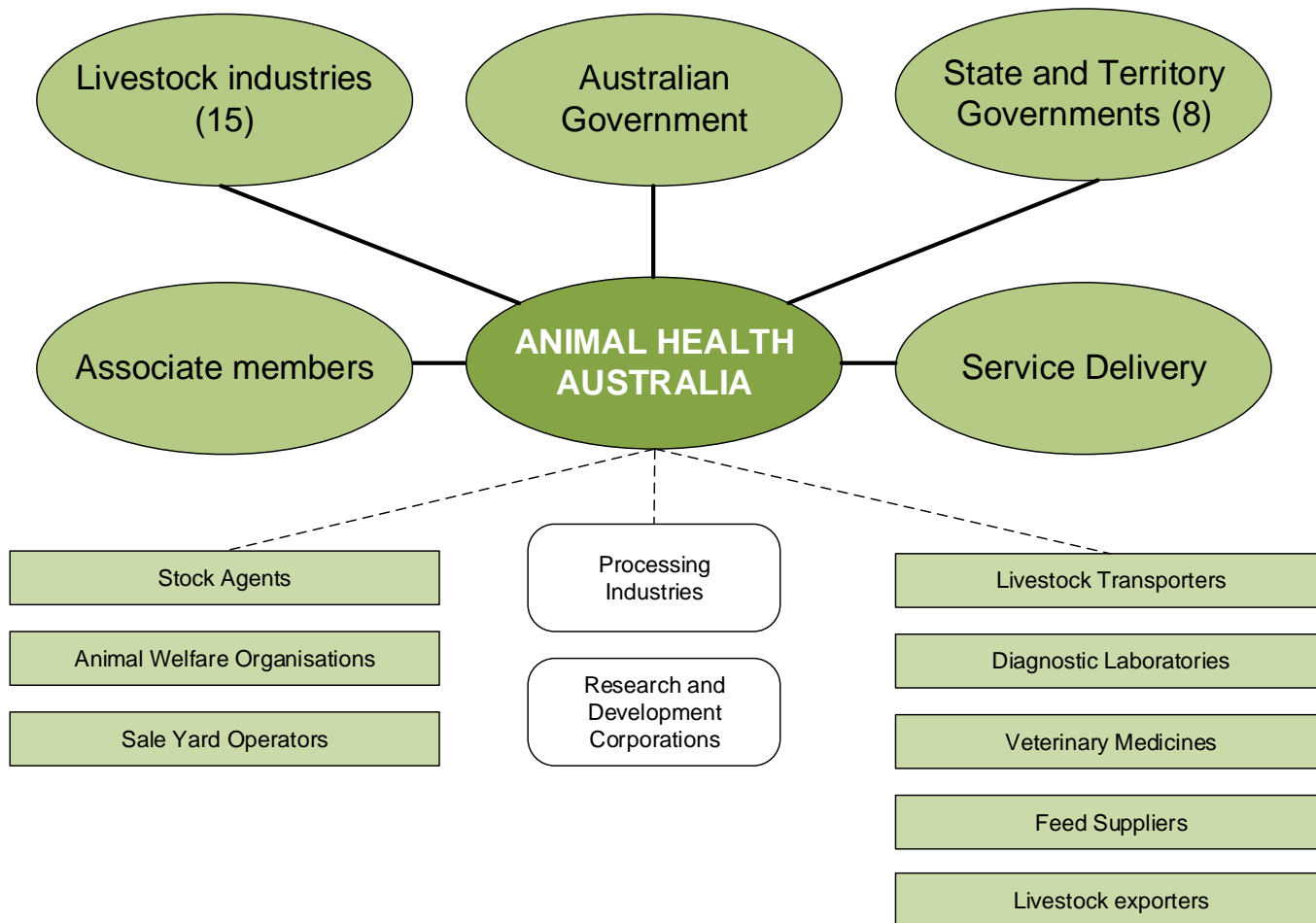


ANIMAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA



- A not-for-profit public company established by **government and livestock industries**
- Incorporated in 1996.
- Initial focus on emergency animal diseases (EADs), now much broader
- 32 members in five categories:
 - Australian Government
 - All the state (6) and territory (2) governments
 - Livestock industry organisations (15)
 - Service providers (2)
 - Associate members (6).

Collaborative partnerships



AHA's livestock industry members



- Australian Alpaca Association
- Australian Chicken Meat Federation
- Australian Dairy Farmers
- Australian Duck Meat Association
- Australian Egg Corporation Limited
- Australian Honey Bee Industry Council
- Australian Horse Industry Council
- Australian Lot Feeders' Association
- Australian Pork Ltd
- Cattle Council of Australia
- Equestrian Australia
- Goat Industry Council of Australia
- Harness Racing Australia
- Sheepmeat Council of Australia
- WoolProducers Australia

Working together for animal health through innovative partnerships to:

- strengthen Australia's national animal health system
- underpin competitive advantages and preferred market access for Australia's livestock industries
- maximise confidence in the safety and quality of Australia's livestock products in domestic and overseas markets
- contribute to the protection of human health, the environment and recreational activities

What AHA does

- AHA manages a suite of animal health projects on behalf of its members
- Four service streams
 - Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Preparedness and Response
 - Market Access Support
 - Biosecurity Services
 - Corporate and Member Services.



- **EADRA**
 - provides for **participatory decision making** and determines **who pays how much** for a response
- **AUSVETPLAN**
 - tells us **how to respond** to an EAD (e.g. animal movement controls, vaccination, etc.)
- **Training**
 - ensures the people who are involved are ‘fit for purpose’.

What is the EADRA?

- The Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) is a **formal, legally binding agreement** ('Deed') between AHA, the Australian government, all state and territory governments, and fourteen livestock industry signatories ('Parties').
 - covers the **management and funding of responses** to EAD incidents
 - ratified in March 2002, and used in real and simulated responses
- AHA is the 'custodian' of the Deed.

- AUSVETPLAN is the Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan
- It is the national contingency planning framework for the management of EAD incidents in Australia
 - It is a series of series of technical response plans that describe the **agreed Australian approaches**, as agreed by governments and industries in non-outbreak times
- For all diseases listed in the EADRA, there is an agreed response strategy to an outbreak.

Market Access projects

Include:

- TSE Freedom Assurance Program (TSEFAP)
- National Animal Health Information System (NAHIS)
- National Arbovirus Monitoring Program (NAMP)
- National Significant Disease Investigation Program
- Livestock Welfare



- Purpose:
 - to strengthen awareness of the value and need for on-farm biosecurity practices;
 - and to provide tools for the tracing and assessment of risk associated with the movement of livestock.
- I. Biosecurity risk management program
- II. Traceability program

- Farm Biosecurity project
 - Collaboration with Plant Health Australia
 - www.farmbiosecurity.com.au
 - “Farm biosecurity is a set of measures designed to protect a property from the entry and spread of pests and diseases.”



ESSENTIALS:

- Farm inputs
- People, vehicles and equipment
- Production practices
- Feral animals, pests & weeds
- Farm outputs
- Train, plan & record

Farm biosecurity



- Sheep industries pilot in 2014-15
- To enhance collaboration and take a more holistic approach to addressing endemic conditions affecting sheep production.
 - Focus on biosecurity and extension/communications
 - Work with the Livestock Biosecurity Network

- Includes ovine Johne's disease (OJD)
- National Sheep Health Monitoring Project
 - Monitoring for diseases in a dozen abattoirs around Australia. MINTRAC is the national coordinator for this project.
 - Feedback provided back to producers about 14 sheep health conditions that may be found during carcase and offal inspection.

- Swill feeding compliance and awareness project
 - National project to help minimise chance of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) occurring.
 - Communications – engagement/education
 - Industry QA audits
 - Government inspections



Thank you!



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