Welcome to this Guide to help you get the best results for your farm business.

# What’s the Issue?

Each year there are several on-farm fatalities in the sheep and wool sector. Most commonly these involve vehicles including quads, tractors, farm utes, machinery and other plant. Since 2001, there have been over 1,200 non- intentional farm injury deaths across Australia and more than 70 in 2015 alone.

Workers Compensation information also reveals that in the five year period between 2008-09 and 2012-13, injuries in the agricultural sector resulted in over 270,000 weeks of work lost and cost $438 million. These figures under- estimate the true level as owner/operators are generally not covered by Workers Compensation requirements.

# What to do about this?

This set of resources aims to assist you in meeting your responsibilities and improving your farm’s health and safety. This is worth it for yourselves, your workers, your families and the business. Good health and safety is a great investment. Developing a culture around ‘Safety’ is about preventing death and reducing injury.

# Where to start?

Follow the 4 step process outlined below.

# Step 1

Read the one-page summary *“Putting Farm Safety Into Action”*

# Step 2

Work your way through the *“Work Health and Safety Plan”.* Do this with your workers to give them ownership of the process. This plan covers the issues that you need to address for your farm business. There are links to a number of registers, checklists and guidance materials that you may wish to use to put in place a good safety system.

# Step 3

Do it – put the plan into action. Remember “Actions speak louder than words” and by planning for health and safety – just like you do for your cattle – you will get better returns. People are the most valuable asset on the farm.

# Step 4

**Continuously review and learn** from what you are doing to make sure your plan and actions are working. Then make changes when needed.

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