

Project Summary

Mass Disposal Preparedness Project

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Summary

Emergency Animal Diseases (EAD) are severe outbreaks of local or exotic diseases that can cause harmful disruptions to the Australian agricultural industry. The disposal of infected animal carcasses, materials, equipment, products and by-products is a core component to industry recovery from an EAD outbreak, and the Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan (AUSVETPLAN) has outlined the national approach for the response to an incident, or suspected incident, within Australia. The AUSVETPLAN recommends industry develop preparedness plans to support rapid recovery, as disposal of infected animal carcasses and related waste are one of the biggest barriers to rapid recovery of a farm from an EAD.

The objective of this project is to conduct a pilot study that outlines the development and implementation of efficient and structured decision-making processes in the South Australian poultry industry for the disposal of large quantities of poultry. This will provide tools to improve the level of preparedness related to the disposal of poultry in the event of an EAD, or other situations wherein mass deaths occur.

This project will involve open communication with the Australia chicken meat industry, the Australian Egg Industry, Animal Health Australia (AHA) and the local and Australian Government. It is funded by AgriFutures Australia and Australian Eggs.



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