



SADA UPDATE



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Foot and Mouth Disease and Lumpy Skin Disease

- be alert not alarmed -

As you may be aware, it has been reported in a number of media channels that Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) has been detected on the island of Bali. Beef Central published the article '[FMD spreads to Bali](#)' yesterday. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF) has advised of the following:

- DAFF has received confirmation that provincial authorities have notified the Counsel General in Bali of an FMD outbreak in Bali.
- There are 63 cases and movement restrictions have been implemented.
- DAFF understands that Indonesia has increased surveillance and awareness activities due to the incursions of LSD and FMD and that as a consequence there are additional reports and detections - which is a good thing.
- In response to the FMD outbreak in Indonesia, Australia's frontline biosecurity officers are operating with increased vigilance across all flights arriving from Indonesia, including Bali.

A joint industry taskforce has been established to ensure coordination and collaboration across all affected industry sectors, comprised of the Red Meat Advisory Council, National Farmers' Federation, Australian Dairy Farmers' and their respective industry service providers. SADA continues to work through both Australian Dairy Farmers and Primary Producers SA with the National Farmers Federation (NFF) on border measures being undertaken regarding minimising risk of FMD and LSD entering Australia and in preparedness for a possible outbreak.

Industry is urged to be alert but not alarmed by the recent outbreaks of LSD and FMD in Indonesia.

Australia is currently free from both diseases and our priority is to keep it that way. At the same time, while we are confident in Australia's strong biosecurity measures, we aren't taking anything for granted.

Significant preparations are already in place or underway from the national level all the way down to individual farm level to support our response and recovery, should these diseases arrive.

Importantly, there are no safety implications for the human food chain from an outbreak of LSD or FMD. Australian meat processing standards also ensure no animals with signs of disease enter the food chain.

At a state level, SADA is working with PIRSA and with Livestock SA and Pork SA to ensure preparedness in SA should FMD or LSD enter the country.

Good biosecurity practices and early detection are also essential on farm to reduce the potential impact of these diseases.

Members and industry participants are urged to exercise vigilance on-farm by:

- Making sure you are aware of the symptoms of LSD and FMD
- If you suspect LSD or FMD in your livestock, immediately calling the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888
- Adhering to all traceability obligations, including ensuring all documentation is correctly completed
- Reviewing your on-farm biosecurity plan

Indonesia is one of our closest neighbours with whom we share an incredibly important bilateral trading partnership. Our best chance at keeping these diseases out of Australia is by working with our international neighbours to bring any outbreaks under control, helping to restore our biosecurity buffer.

SADA will keep members apprised of developments as further information comes to hand. If you wish to discuss these issues at any time, please call us.

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