

Subject: NSW Foot and Mouth Disease Preparedness Program

Dear Landholder

Local Land Services has received funding from the NSW Government to improve preparedness should an outbreak of an exotic animal disease such as Foot and Mouth Disease occur in New South Wales.

As part of the Preparedness Program North Coast Local Land Services has been working with landholders in your area to control feral pigs through on ground trapping and Hoggone baiting programs.

Cloven footed animals such as feral pigs, feral deer and feral goats have the potential to harbour and spread Foot and Mouth Disease, making eradication of any disease outbreak difficult. If Foot and Mouth Disease were to occur, eradication would be necessary to achieve Proof of Freedom, a requirement to maintain export meat markets.

The next step in the Preparedness Program is undertaking thermal aerial survey using a helicopter to determine the effectiveness of the above control programs. The aerial survey is planned to be carried out between May 29 and June 18.

This letter is to notify you that the thermal aerial survey will be taking place. North Coast Local Land Services thanks you for your participation in the program and your ongoing commitment to exotic animal disease preparedness.

If you would like further information on the Foot and Mouth Disease Preparedness Program, or the thermal aerial survey please contact our Biosecurity Officer Michael Elliott on 0408 352 174.

Sincerely,
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