

Lachlan landholder newsletter

3 simple steps

There are three simple steps to online lodgement:

- 1 Look at the top-right hand corner of the enclosed Land and Stock Return for your Holding reference number and online password.
- 2 Visit www.lhpa.org.au/landandstock and log in using your Holding reference number and unique online password.
- 3 Fill in your land and stock details.

Why have I been sent a land and stock return?

The information you provide in your Land and Stock Return helps us build a statewide picture about agricultural usage and livestock numbers. Along with the stock ID and traceability systems we manage, this information is invaluable in the event of an emergency disease outbreak.

Even if you have no stock, it is important for you to complete a Land and Stock Return. Unless you complete a return, we automatically apply an animal health charge to next year's rates. It is also a legal requirement that you lodge a return under the Rural Lands Protection Act 1998.

Remember, your completed 2011 Land and Stock Return is due by 31 August. Lodge online or post your return back to us.

Online land and stock returns now even easier

Now the LHPA has made it even easier to lodge your Land and Stock Return online.

Last year thousands of landholders in NSW chose to take advantage of the online lodgment facility when they received their annual Land and Stock returns in the mail.

This year, you can also update your holding and occupier details online.

Your 2011 Land and Stock Return can be lodged online at www.lhpa.org.au/landandstock

Land and Stock Returns provide Livestock Health and Pest Authorities with important information about properties in NSW.

'The online form takes around five minutes to complete and asks the same questions as the paper-based form,' said Lachlan LHPA general manager Peter Brown. 'All you



need is access to a computer with internet.'

For more information about lodging online, including Frequently Asked Questions and privacy information, visit www.lhpa.org.au/landandstock.

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Group baiting success in Trundle

LHPA rangers have been working closely with landholders in the Trundle area to coordinate a recent group baiting program to reduce feral pig numbers.

The program was implemented in response to landholders concerns, with a collaborative approach adopted.

LHPA rangers Kristy Saul and Wendy Gill have worked with local

landholders and have successfully baited 25 pigs so far. A follow up program has been planned for the same area later in the year.

For further information on pest animal control and group baiting, contact your local LHPA office.

Page 2: See how remote camera technology is being used to assist with feral pig control in the authority.

Contact your local office today – or visit www.lhpa.org.au

Vets warn of prolonged worm activity

With the mild, moist conditions most worm species are enjoying a much longer period of activity and in greater numbers. Many producers will already have found that repeated drenching this year has been required. The best way to stay on top of the worm situation in your flock is to:

- Regularly check them for signs of scouring, weight loss, ill-thrift, pale skin and/or bottle jaw (fluid building up under the jaw).
- Do regular worm egg counts – this is a good way to avoid that disaster of entering the paddock and finding dead sheep. Kits are available and all that is required is for you to pick up some fresh dung samples from the mob in the paddock and then post them off. Doing these every 5-8 weeks will give you a good handle on where worm levels are up to and if you need to drench. They cost about \$40 for a basic egg count that can save you hundreds in unnecessary drench and also point you

in another direction if worms aren't the cause of the problem in your sheep.

- Use an effective drench – if you have significant numbers of Barber's Pole worm you must use a drench with specific activity for that worm type. If you have used a particular drench class continuously for years you may have a resistance problem. Rotating drenches annually is highly recommended to avoid this problem.

Worm egg count results can be copied to the district vet at your local Lachlan LHPA office who can then provide advice on the need for drenching, drench choice, and timing of drenching based on your specific results.

Once we have a few frosts, the worm populations will slow down for the winter but keep in mind there could be significant pasture contaminations in the spring and a close eye on lambs and weaners in particular will be important to avoid losses.

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Prevalence survey directs pest programs

LHPA rangers are undertaking approximately 500 property inspections across this district, surveying local rabbit numbers to establish the prevalence of this pest. While early indications are suggesting a rise in numbers, in line with the good season, there is nothing alarming about the numbers being found.

The bulk of these inspections should be finished by June, and the results used to plan for the coming year. The results of the surveys will provide a snapshot of local rabbit populations and identify areas where control activities may be required. This will allow landholders to undertake targeted control activities designed to achieve the best possible result.

Remote camera technology assists landholders

The Lachlan LHPA has recently purchased remote cameras to be used to manage pests in the authority.

According to LHPA senior ranger Craig Ridley, this technology will lead to better control programs for landholders across the authority.

'The cameras are being used to determine feral pig numbers and movements across the authority, ultimately leading to better control programs.

'By being able to identify the extent of the problem, staff and landholders will be able to implement appropriate control

measures to suit each situation,' Craig said.

The cameras have already been used successfully on two properties in the Lachlan authority, allowing LHPA staff and landholders to tailor their pest control program according to actual feral pig numbers.

It is anticipated that this technology will assist with other pest animal control in the authority.

If you would like further information about remote camera technology or implementing pest animal control programs on your property, contact your local LHPA office.

Remote camera technology at use in the Lachlan LHPA

