

Kangaroo Island – Farm Biosecurity – 6 ways to protect your property 'Protect my farm: Protect my future.'

1. Be aware

Be familiar with the high risk pests and diseases threats to your property. These can be both exotic and established threats and document how to reduce the risk of the introduction to your property.

2. Farm inputs

Ensure your inputs to your property are clean and pest and disease free—including new livestock, grain, feed and equipment. Obtain these from trusted sources, certified where you can and receive appropriate assurances prior to introduction to your property.

3. Isolate

It is important to isolate new stock that are brought onto your farm. You can monitor them for pests and disease, protect for existing livestock and allow for checking for new weeds they may have brought with them.

4. Keep it clean

Ensuring that you, employees, all visitors and any equipment are clean when they arrive and when they leave. On property cleanliness will prevent the entry and translocation of pest and diseases from property to property but also within your own property.

5. Check your property / crops / livestock

Regular surveillance of your property looking for any unusual events or pests is essential. Early detection, response and containment will potentially reduce the impact, cost less and allow for more effective controls.

6. Do the right thing

Awareness of requirements that are in place is important, as doing the right thing will protect your livelihood, your neighbours' and KI's image. If you suspect a new pest or disease that you think might be exotic you must report it immediately.