



RD&E Overview

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Purpose and aim of RD&E

To support and enable continuous improvement and innovation and enhance productivity and sustainability through systematic, targeted, consistent, effective and transparent research

Key strategies that form the basis of the livestock export industry RD&E are to further improve:

- Animal health and welfare
- Supply chain efficiency and regulatory performance
- Market access and trade development







LEP R&D AOP 2016/17

Animal Health and Welfare

\$1,735,000

Supply Chain Efficiency & Regulatory Performance

\$417,000

Market Access

\$227,280

<u>Communications</u>***

\$125,000

• TOTAL BUDGET \$<u>2,497,280</u>





RD&E Program

The RD&E Program is jointly funded by LiveCorp (25%), MLA (25%) and the Australian Government (50%) and managed by the LEP RD&E Manager.

The program committees include:

- Management Committee
- •Live Export RD&E Advisory Committee (LERDAC) and;
- •Project Consultative Committees (as required)



How RD&E is conducted

Livestock Export Research and Development Advisory Committee





How the Program operates



Beef Cattle Breeding Materials

- A knowledge and resource gap was identified for the appropriate management of Australian cattle in local environments including cold winter climates
- A manual was developed to improve knowledge of:

cattle husbandry, nutrition, health and welfare, handling and transport, climatic impacts etc.

• A cattle 'breeding wheel' was developed to further extend the information in-market









Salmonella vaccine development

- Salmonella is a significant animal health issue for sheep (and cattle) and is most prevalent intensive animal husbandry
- Initially water dosing was explored prior to the identification of a potential vaccine strain of Salmonella
- The development of a vaccine is ongoing and has potential benefits within the export supply chain and broader agricultural industry









Salmonella vaccine - where to now?

- MSD Animal Health will begin the development of master seed early 2017
- Safety studies are scheduled to address experimental challenges
- Next year large animal field studies are planned
- It is anticipated that the earliest the vaccine will be commercially available is 2019





Outcomes and importance of RD&E

RD&E is conducted to address short, medium and long term priorities and includes:

Experiments and research projects to fill knowledge gaps, literature reviews, the development of systems and software, standard operating procedures and other extension materials

RD&E is transparent and reports are publicly available on both the LiveCorp and MLA websites.

RD&E is the cornerstone of improvement for industry

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