

Emergency Animal Disease Training for the Meat Processing Industry

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Project Description

The aim of this project was to develop and implement a training package to equip red meat industry workers with the knowledge and skills required in the event of an Emergency Animal Disease event. AMPC had recognised that a training program to ensure red meat processing industry personnel understand their roles and responsibilities in the event of an Emergency Animal Disease response was not available. This was a significant deficit and might have led to underperformance or a reduction in the efficiency and effectiveness of an Emergency Animal Disease response.

Project Content

The project was carried out in four key steps:

- Development of draft training materials
- Steering Committee workshop
- Face-to-face training across Australia
- Implementation of an online training package

The face-to-face training was delivered as an add-on to 10 MINTRAC regional Meat Inspection & Quality Assurance Network meetings. This allowed the training to be streamlined for industry. The first MINTRAC network meeting was used as a combined pilot test and regional delivery day. After this training day, changes were made to the program – in particular to the way in which the breakout sessions were run. The course was exceptionally well received by participants in all states. The training package was then transferred to an interactive online format (Adobe Captivate). This package can now be used to educate additional meat industry workers, or to refresh the knowledge of those who attended the face-to-face sessions.

Project Outcome

The key outcome from this project was the development of implementation of comprehensive written and interactive online training materials.

Benefit for Industry

The immediate benefit of this project is the increased awareness and of meat industry workers around Australia about the importance of Emergency Animal Disease planning and preparation. Going forward, the project will provide a lasting and accessible resource that will increase the resilience of the meat processing industry to Emergency Animal Diseases and will help to secure Australia's domestic and global markets.

USEFUL RESOURCES

[AUSVETPLAN – Australia's Veterinary Emergency Plan](#)

[Animal Health Australia](#)

[Department of Agriculture and Water Resources](#)

[Australian Meat Processor Corporation](#)

[Australian National Meat Industry Training Advisory Council Limited](#)

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