

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting 2023

Agenda Item 1.1

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Victoria NSDIP Coordinator report**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee NOTE:
 - a. **The report on Victorian NSDIP 2022-23**

BACKGROUND

2. The Agriculture Victoria Significant Disease Investigation (SDI) Program provides subsidies to private veterinarians undertaking investigations of unusual or significant disease events with contributions from the NSDIP, the Victorian Government, the Cattle, Sheep and Goat, and Swine compensation funds. A subsidy (paid from the compensation funds) is also available to livestock producers to go towards the cost of consulting a private veterinary practitioner for investigations approved under the SDI Program. All testing is conducted by the state government laboratory (AgriBio) with the costs generally waived.
3. Additional subsidies are available to private veterinarians who undertake and report an anthrax exclusion based on the use of the rapid anthrax field test (Immunochromatographic Test or ICT).

DISCUSSION

4. From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 Victoria submitted claims to the NSDIP for 144 investigations. This was slightly lower compared to last year where 189 investigations were claimed. The majority of investigations undertaken were in cattle and sheep with a relatively high number also completed in poultry and equines (Table 1). Investigations were reasonably well distributed throughout the state and in line with livestock density distributions (Figure 1). The most commonly reported syndromes are shown in Table 2 which were similar to last financial year. Of the 144 investigations, 84 (58%) had national notifiable diseases excluded, this is an increase from last financial year.

Table 1. NSDIs by species

SPECIES	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS	NSDIP INVESTIGATIONS
CATTLE		59
SHEEP/GOAT		45
POULTRY		20
EQUINE		18
PIGS		1
OTHER		1
GRAND TOTAL		144

Table 2. Syndromes most commonly identified in Victorian NSDIP submissions (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023).

SYNDROME	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS
NO SUITABLE SYNDROME	31
ABORTION/STILLBIRTH	22
INCREASED MORTALITY/SUDDEN DEATH	20
NERVOUS SIGNS	16
FOUND DEAD	12
RESPIRATORY SIGNS	10
ILL THRIFT/WEIGHT LOSS	8
NEUROLOGICAL SIGNS	6
ORAL LESIONS OR SALIVATION	4
WEAKNESS/DEPRESSION/ANOREXIA/MALAISE	4
SKIN LESIONS	3
ALIMENTARY SIGNS OTHER THAN DIARRHOEA	2
PNEUMONIA	1
GENITAL LESIONS	1
DIARRHOEA	1
ACUTE FEBRILE DISEASE	1
LAMENESS	1
JAUNDICE	1

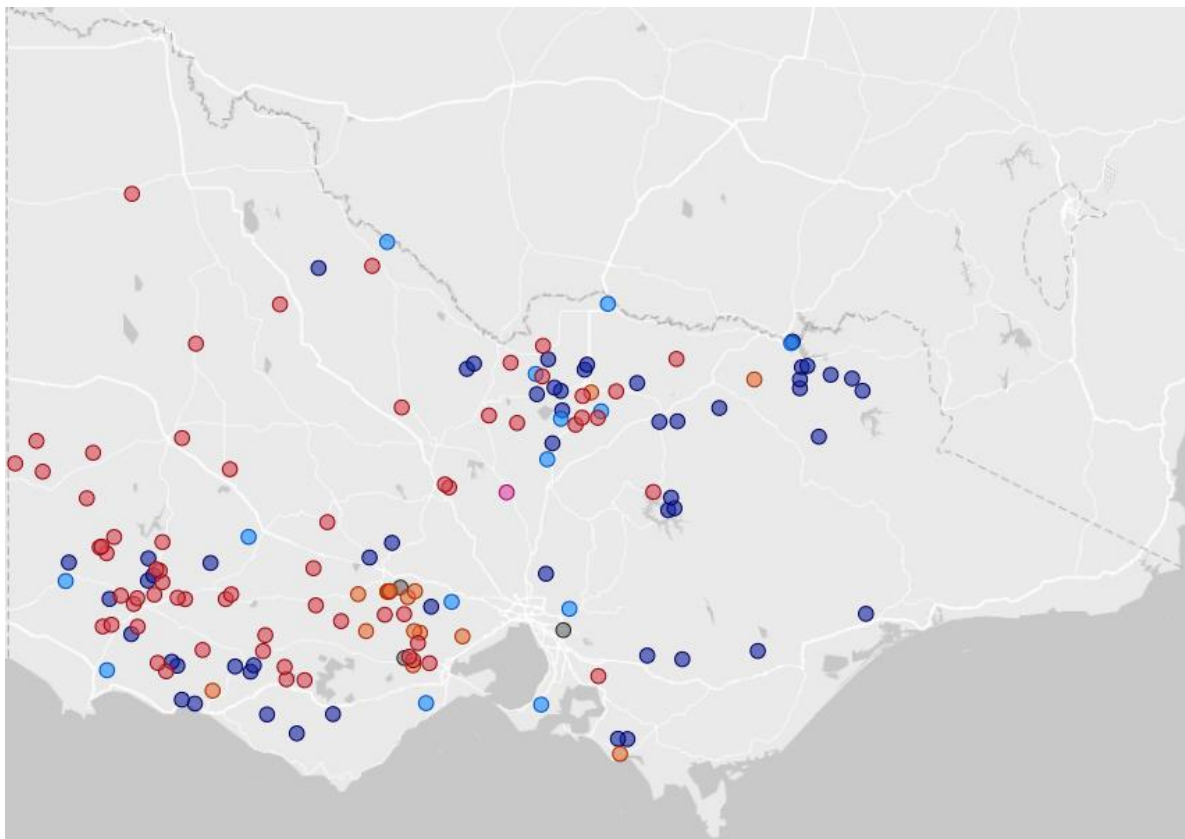


Figure 1. Geographic location of NSDIP investigations (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. A total of \$49,500 (inc GST) of the allocated \$57,944 NSDIP budget was claimed this financial year. This was an underspend of \$8,444.
3. Victoria increased the amount claimed from \$200 per investigation to \$300 (+GST) per investigation to be in line with the amount claimed by private veterinarians.

FEEDBACK

4. NA