

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting Nov 2025

Agenda Item ##

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Victoria NSDIP Coordinator report**RECOMMENDATION**

- a. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee NOTE Victorian NSDIP report for 2024-25

BACKGROUND

1. 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.
2. 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).
3. Victoria has funded a new project in collaboration with the compensation funds: 'Evaluating and enhancing disease surveillance in Victoria', which includes an independent review of Victoria's (private practitioner) veterinary surveillance system, a comprehensive survey of private veterinarians, and implementation of identified enhancements to address identified gaps. The independent review is currently underway.

DISCUSSION

4. A total of \$63,418.50 was invoiced to the NSDIP from Victoria from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. Table 1 shows the number of investigations by species. The majority of 'other' species were avian investigations. Of the 189 investigations, 139 excluded at least one national notifiable disease (74%)
5. Table 2 shows the syndromes listed by species, with abortion/stillbirth, respiratory signs and nervous signs the top 3 syndromes across all species.
6. There was an increase in the number of investigations invoiced to NSDIP this financial year (n=189) compared to last financial year (n=108). This is due to the fact that we can retrospectively invoice investigations conducted in 2024-25 but received in the next financial year.
7. Table 3 shows the most the number of investigations by finding category/outcome. The main outcome of investigations is an endemic disease.

Table 1. Number of investigations and amount invoiced to NSDIP.

Species	Number of investigations
Cattle	88
Sheep and Goat	25
Pig	0
Other	76
Total	189

Table 2. Number of investigations by species and syndrome invoiced to NSDIP.

Syndrome	ALPACA	AVIAN	BOVINE	CAPRINE	EQUINE	OVINE	Grand Total
Abortion/stillbirth			30		2	6	38
Acute febrile disease		1	3		5		9
Alimentary signs other than diarrhoea		1	1			1	3
Circulatory/anaemia/oedema			3		1		4
Diarrhoea		4	2			2	8
Found dead	1	5	8				14
Ill thrift/weight loss		1	3			3	7
Increased mortality/sudden death	1	4	8	1		5	19
Infertility			1				1
Jaundice			1			1	2
Lameness			1				1
Mastitis			2				2
Nasal discharge		5	2				7
Nervous signs		2	6		10	3	21
No suitable syndrome		2	1				3
Oral lesions or salivation			3		1		4
Production drop		1					1
Respiratory signs		25	7		1		33
Skin lesions			2			1	3
Weakness/depression/anorexia/malaise		3	4			2	9
Grand Total	2	54	88	1	20	24	189

Table 3. Number of investigations by species and finding category/outcome invoiced to NSDIP.

Finding Category	ALPACA	AVIAN	BOVINE	CAPRINE	EQUINE	OVINE	Grand Total
Endemic disease	1	42	57	1	9	18	128
New/unknown, undetermined cause			6			3	9
No diagnosis			1			2	3
No diagnosis - exotic excluded		8	13		8	1	30
No diagnosis - NND excluded	1	4	11		3		19
Grand Total	2	54	88	1	20	24	189

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. NA

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

9. NA

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

10. NA

FEEDBACK

11. *[Please respond to the questions below in assessing the performance of the NSDIP over the 2024–25 year, and use this as an opportunity to offer feedback and suggested changes for continual improvement.]*

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: The NSDIP provides important additional funding to support the Victorian SDI program.				

Q2 The National Significant Disease Investigation Program has provided opportunities to private veterinarians for gaining the necessary knowledge and skills to investigate and report on disease events.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: The national program complements the Victorian SDI program. The program facilitates cooperation between the laboratory, Agriculture Victoria and private veterinarians. This improves the quality of the investigations by ensuring laboratory testing is not prohibited by cost.				

Q3 The National Significant Disease Investigation Program has helped to improve the level of notifiable disease investigations through effective engagement with private veterinarians and assisting in funding investigations that may not have progressed otherwise.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: The program gives Agriculture Victoria animal health staff the opportunity to remind private veterinarians to always consider exclusion testing for notifiable diseases as part of their investigation. The funding supports improved sample collection and diagnoses of investigations and increases the likelihood of a producer engaging a private veterinarian. The NSDIP provides further funding to compliment the Victorian SDI program and allows for further investigations. Thank you to AHA for allowing retrospective invoices for the proceeding financial year to allow for invoices we receive late.				