

OVINE JOHNE'S DISEASE

POLICY POSTCARD



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POLICY DECISION

Management of Ovine Johne's Disease (OJD) will continue as part of the Sheep Health Project at Animal Health Australia, enabling producers to be able to use all the on-farm practices and tools currently recommended as part of a best practice approach to control.

BACKGROUND

OJD can be managed by industry through the tools of the Sheep Health Project with other endemic diseases, rather than having a separate management plan.

EFFECTS ON FARM

Management of OJD is in the hands of each producer. Manage your own risk through implementing on-farm biosecurity practices, joining

an audited assurance program such as SheepMAP, or collaborating with nearby producers on a Regional Biosecurity Plan.

Producers would not see any change in their day-to-day farming and those in Regional Biosecurity Plan areas would be able to continue to take a regional approach to management. Governments will play a less direct role in management of the disease. Producers will still need to be aware of, and comply with state regulation of animal diseases.

BEST PRACTICE

Proactively manage OJD in your flock through:

- National Sheep Health Monitoring Project
- Sheep Health Declarations
- SheepMAP Market Assurance Program
- Vaccinating against OJD



POLICY ORGANISATIONS: Sheep Producers Australia and WoolProducers Australia

TECHNICAL ADVICE: Animal Health Australia

FULL DETAILS: Download the National OJD Management Plan 2013-2018 Consultative Review at www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au