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KEY RESOURCES



The **NSW DPI web page** has information on animal welfare including links to relevant legislation and mandatory standards.

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/animal-welfare



The Land Transport of Livestock webpage provides links to key documents such as MLA's 'Is it fit to load' and DPI's 'Welfare scoring livestock' guides.

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/livestocktransport



Local Land Services can provide advice on drought management including animal health, nutrition and pasture management. Call 1300 795 299 or visit your nearest office.

www.lls.nsw.gov.au



Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) is a state-wide program that links rural people to the help they need.

www.ramhp.com.au or call the NSW Mental Health Line on 1800 011 511



Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines

www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au



Primary producers are encouraged to visit **DroughtHub** for the latest State Seasonal Updates and information on a range of support services to prepare for and manage tough times.

www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au



Managing Drought, Fire and Flood is a handbook that has been prepared to assist primary producers in making financial and management decisions which will see them through extended dry periods, and other tough times.

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/managing-drought



Drought Feed Calculator App. Designed for use in the paddock to develop well-informed and cost efficient feed strategies for sheep and cattle.



Search "Drought Feed Calculator"



STOCK WELFARE DURING TOUGH TIMES

Animal welfare considerations are critical when managing stock during tough times, when feed and water resources are in short supply



HELPING STOCK OWNERS

With seemingly increasing frequency of drought, fire and floods affecting our state, stock owners across NSW need to make decisions to effectively manage their stock.

Your livestock and other farm animals are your responsibility and it is up to you to plan and prepare for their welfare. By being proactive and making decisions early, you will help ensure good animal welfare outcomes and compliance with the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*.

ASSESS

Understand your circumstances and the options available to you. Seek help and consider expert advice on seasonal conditions, feed, fodder and stock market prices.

ACT EARLY

Early intervention ensures good animal welfare outcomes.

- Prepare a **stock management plan** to outline arrangements and support early intervention.
- Develop **plans around destocking, stock movement and transport** where required. Contact Local Land Services for more information.
- Review **feeding and fodder strategies**. Contact Local Land Services for more information.
- Develop **pasture grazing plans**. Implement sacrifice paddocks to protect new pastures and ground cover across the property.
- Implement **business planning** and strategic thinking in consultation with your bank, accountant or financial planner. Refer to DroughtHub for more information.



BE AWARE

You have a legal and moral obligation to get it right.

Penalties can apply for people who do not provide for the welfare of their animals.

Your stock can also be seized and disposed of in certain circumstances under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*.

Do the right thing and make sure you are assessing and acting early.

SEEK HELP

Help is available to ensure you get the right advice.

- **Animal welfare assistance**
We have subsidies available to eligible producers to provide transport assistance for animal welfare and donated fodder. Visit DroughtHub to apply.
- **Wellbeing**
We're here to help you and your family get through the tough times. Don't face this alone, call the Mental Health Line on 1800 011 511.
- **Information**
We can provide information and advice about managing your property well during tough times. Visit the management information section of DroughtHub or contact your Local Land Services team on 1300 795 299.
- **Finance**
We have a number of long-term low interest loans available. Visit DroughtHub to apply.
- **Skills and training**
We offer business skills training for farm businesses to make it easier to prepare for and respond to tough times. Visit DroughtHub to find out more about the Farm Business Resilience Program.

For more information on the vast range of services and support available to primary producers, their families and communities, please visit:

www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au

Or talk to Local Land Services

www.lls.nsw.gov.au

