



Swine Compensation Fund

Summary of Projects
2020

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

SWINE COMPENSATION FUND OVERVIEW

Victoria's Swine Compensation Fund (SCF) is established under the *Livestock Disease Control Act 1994*. The fund collects livestock duties paid on the sale of pigs or the carcasses of pigs under the *Duties Act 2000*.

The SCF receives approximately \$0.16 for each pig or each carcass sold.

Money in the Fund may be invested in any manner in which money may be invested under the *Trustee Act 1958* or any other manner that the appropriate Minister approves.

The Minister for Agriculture must not make a payment from the fund unless the Minister has considered any relevant recommendations from the Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee (SIPAC).

SWINE INDUSTRY PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The SIPAC has been established to provide advice to the Minister for Agriculture on any proposed project for which payments should be made from the SCF and any other matter referred to it by the Minister.

Under Section 87 (3) of *Livestock Disease Control Act 1994*, the SIPAC comprises five members appointed by the Minister as follows:

- (a) 3 are chosen from a panel submitted to the Minister by the Victorian Farmers Federation of the names of at least 5 people whom the Federation considers to represent the swine industry in Victoria;
- (b) 2 are officers of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR).

TABLE 1: Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee membership at the time the 2020 project funding was awarded

Representation	Representative
Victorian Farmers Federation	Mr John Bourke, VFF Pig Group Dr Patricia Mitchell, VFF Pig Group Mr Tim Kingma, VFF Pig Group
State Government	Mr Michael Rosier, Director, Regions and Emergencies, Agriculture Victoria (Chair) Dr Rachael Holmes, Senior Officer, Animal Welfare, Agriculture Victoria

FUNDING FROM THE SWINE COMPENSATION FUND

In 2020 the Swine Compensation Fund funded three projects.

TABLE 2: Open projects funded by the Swine Compensation Fund

Project	Objective	Administered by	Project budget	Project expended
Abattoir Based Pig Health Surveillance in Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to focus on disease surveillance on the chain which will evaluate the value of data from all pigs processed, in initiating disease investigations and as a general surveillance tool for pig health. The project will demonstrate value in collecting data on deaths to identify problems in the industry that can be rectified and reducing these losses will directly benefit producers who lose money on every death. 	Agriculture Victoria	\$45,000.00	\$0
Victorian Significant Disease Investigation (SDI) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to improve both the quality and number of investigations conducted by private veterinarians in Victoria, thus enhancing capacity for the early detection and control of diseases of livestock that could impact on human health, animal health, farm productivity and market access and trade. 	Agriculture Victoria	\$10,998.00	\$0
Animal Disease Investigation Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to maintain and increase awareness of, and surveillance for, suspect Emergency Animal Diseases (EADs) resulting in greater number and quality of submissions. These submissions provide evidence of absence for EADs that Victoria (and Australia) claim freedom from which allows increased trade opportunities for our livestock products. 	Agriculture Victoria	\$36,000.00	\$0

* Any under expenditure is reallocated to the Swine Compensation Fund. Expended figures as at 15 June 2021.

* These projects were approved by the Minister however are listed as \$0 expenditure as no payments have occurred.

