



Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund

Summary of Projects
2020

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

SHEEP & GOAT COMPENSATION FUND OVERVIEW

Victoria's Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund (SGCF) is established under the *Livestock Disease Control Act 1994* (the Act). The Fund primarily comprises livestock duties paid on the sale of sheep and goats or their carcasses in Victoria.

The SGCF receives \$0.12 for each sheep or goat, or each carcass of sheep or goat sold.

Under Section 79B(2) of the Act, the Minister for Agriculture may make payments from the Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund from:

- (a) administering the provisions of the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 relating to sheep and goats;
- (b) programs and projects for the benefit of the sheep and goat industry in Victoria;
- (c) programs and projects for the control or eradication of disease of sheep or goats.

The Minister for Agriculture must not make a payment from the Fund unless the Minister has considered any relevant recommendations from the Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee (SGCAC).

The SGCAC has been established to provide advice to the Minister for Agriculture on the maximum amount of compensation that is payable, payments which should be made and any other matter referred to it by the Minister.

SHEEP AND GOAT COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Under Section 79I(3) of *Livestock Disease Control Act 1994* the SGCAC comprises eight members appointed by the Minister as follows:

Section 79(3) of the Act	Nominated by
(a) four are to be persons with suitable qualifications and experience relating to the sheep industry	Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF)
(b) one is to be a person with suitable qualifications and experience relating to the goat industry	Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF)
(c) one is to be a person with suitable qualifications and experience relating to the livestock agents profession;	Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association (ALPA)
(d) one is to be a person with suitable qualifications and experience relating to the meat processing industry;	Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC)
(e) one is to be a person nominated by the Secretary	Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR)

Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee membership at the time the 2020 project funding was awarded

Nominating body	Member's Name & Qualifications
VFF	Mr Michael Craig (Chair) – Sheep Industry Mr Leonard Vallance – Sheep Industry Mr Christopher Draffin – Sheep Industry Mr James Tehan – Sheep Industry Ms Faye Tuchtan - Goat Industry
ALPA	Ms Elizabeth Summerville – Livestock Agent's Profession
AMIC	Mr Noel Kelson – Meat Processing Industry
State Government	Secretary's nominee - Vacant

2020 PROJECTS

FUNDING FROM THE SHEEP AND GOAT COMPENSATION FUND

In 2020 the Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund supported 8 projects.

TABLE 1: Projects funded from Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund during Financial Year 2020

Project	Objective	Administered by	Allocated	Expended
VFF Producer-Led Biosecurity Extension Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to improve on-farm biosecurity and animal health in Victoria. 	Victorian Farmers Federation	\$727,684.00	\$0
Point of Care (POC) Testing For Worm Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to produce a paper-based microfluidic POC test to identify worm-resistant sheep. 	La Trobe University	\$90,542.00	\$0
eNVD Uptake - Whole Supply Chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to deliver an electronic national vendor declaration (eNVD) compatible software solution for Stock Agents and Saleyards. 	Agrinuous	\$66,046.00	\$0
National Livestock Identification System (NLIS)(Sheep and Goat) tag subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NLIS (Sheep and Goat) system helps maintain the disease-free status of Victoria's sheep and goat industries and protects Victoria's reputation in domestic and export markets as a supplier of wholesome meat products. 	Agriculture Victoria	\$1,900,000.00	\$534,133.34
Control and prevention of anthrax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination is the most effective method of controlling an anthrax outbreak and for ensuring ongoing anthrax prevention on affected properties. 	Agriculture Victoria	\$50,000.00	\$19,275.12
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	\$360,000.00	\$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

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SheepNotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The distribution of SheepNotes assists in retaining the confidence and goodwill of the wider sheep industry, audience by increasing Agriculture Victoria's ability to communicate quickly when biosecurity, health, welfare and production issues demand. 	Agriculture Victoria	\$133,300.00	\$0

* Any under expenditure remains in the Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund. Expended figures as at 15 June 2020.

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

