

# Animals in Extensive Production Systems

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## The Australian Dairy Industry: Governing bodies



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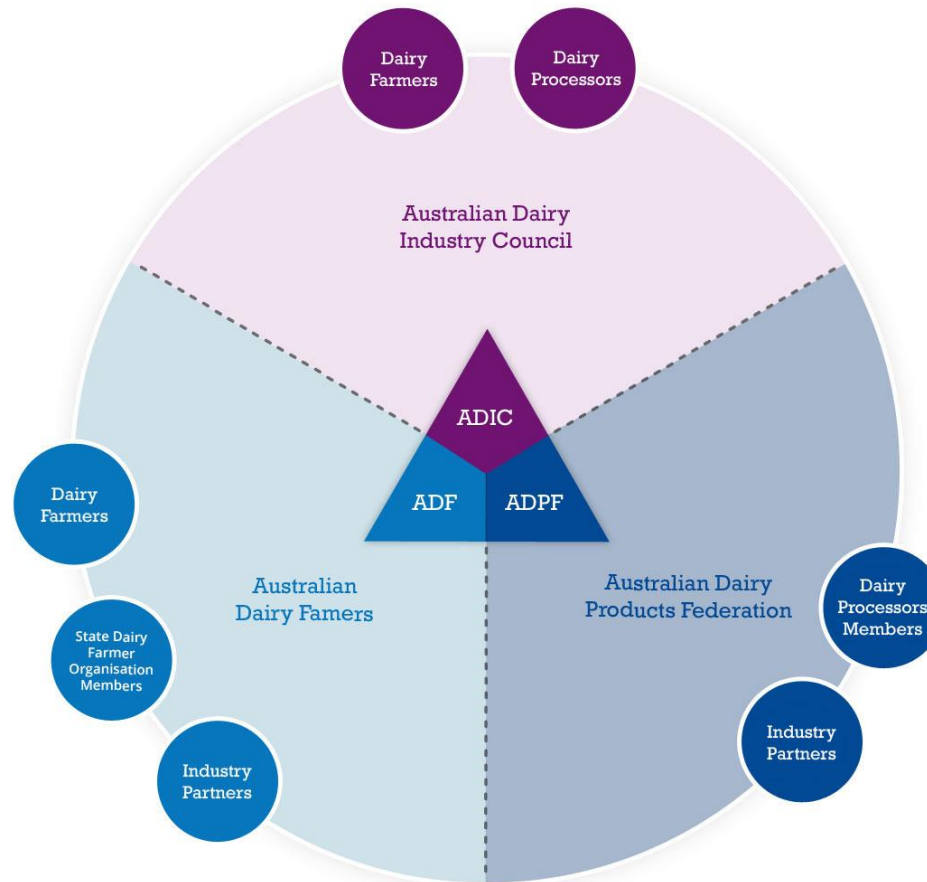


# Governing bodies

- Australian Dairy Industry Council
  - Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd
    - UDV, NSWFA, QDO, SADA, TFGA, WAFF
  - Australian Dairy Products Federation
- AgVic (State), DAWE (Federal)
- Dairy Food Safety (State)



# Australian Dairy Industry Council



# ADIC member representation

## ADF State Dairy Farmer Organisation Members



## ADPF Processor Members



# ADF Policy Advisory Groups (PAGS)

## Policy Advisory Groups

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- › Animal health and welfare
- › Farming systems and herd improvement
- › Markets, trade and value chain
- › Natural resources
- › People and human capacity

# ADF animal health and welfare PAG

## Scope

- Emergency animal disease response preparedness
- Animal health system capability
- Disease programs and management
- Animal welfare standards and guidelines
- Quarantine and biosecurity oversight
- Viable food safety and quality assurance systems
- Promoting responsible practices and industry integrity

## Priorities

- National implementation of the 'Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle' through State and Territory regulation.
- Ensure the 'Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines: Livestock at Saleyard and Depot' are reflected throughout industry-based quality assurance programs.
- Biosecurity covers from on-farm to our national borders. ADF encourages farmers to invest in their on-farm biosecurity.
- Improve the Australian dairy industry's social license to operate.



# ADF animal health and welfare policies

## General

The Australian dairy industry commits to striving for the health, welfare and best care for all our animals throughout their lives.

## Animal Health Australia

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF), as an industry member of Animal Health Australia (AHA) actively engages with all AHA members on national animal health, welfare and biosecurity matters relevant to the dairy industry.

## Antimicrobial Stewardship

The Australian dairy industry commits to using antibiotics responsibly – as little as possible, as much as necessary – to protect the health and welfare of our animals.

## Biosecurity

The Australian dairy industry expects farmers to comply with Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) and industry requirements by implementing an on-farm biosecurity plan.

The Australian dairy industry supports government and industry in surveillance and preparedness for incursions of emerging animals diseases (including Foot and Mouth Disease) and maintenance of EADRA.

<https://australiandairyfarmers.com.au/policy-advisory-groups/animal-health-and-welfare/>





# ADF animal health and welfare policies

## Calves

Bobby calves transported for sale or slaughter must be at least five days old, fit and healthy and be adequately fed within six hours of pick up.

Calves aged 5 to 30 days old, transported without mothers, must have no more than 30 hours time-off-feed.

Calves should be disbudded under two months of age with pain relief.

## Calving Induction

The Australian dairy industry does not support routine calving induction and agrees to complete phasing out routine calving induction by 1 January 2022.

## Euthanasia

Dairy farmers must create provisions for on-farm euthanasia through the use of a licensed firearm or captive bolt device, and provide training as required.

Euthanasia by blunt force trauma should not occur on Australian dairy farms, except in emergency situations, which are defined by the **Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle** as:

- the calf is under 24 hours old AND
- the calf is in severe pain or distress AND
- there is no other practical alternative.







# ADF animal health and welfare policies

## Live Export

The Australian dairy industry supports the ongoing export of breeding cattle in accordance with **Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL)**.

The Australian dairy industry agrees to the introduction of a statutory levy on the exporters of dairy cattle to fund LiveCorp activities, with any funds raised to be spent in consultation with the dairy industry, in order to facilitate improvements in the dairy cattle export trade.

## Standards and Guidelines

The Australian dairy industry commits to adhering to the **Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle**

The Australian dairy industry commits to adhering to the **Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for the Land Transport of Livestock**.

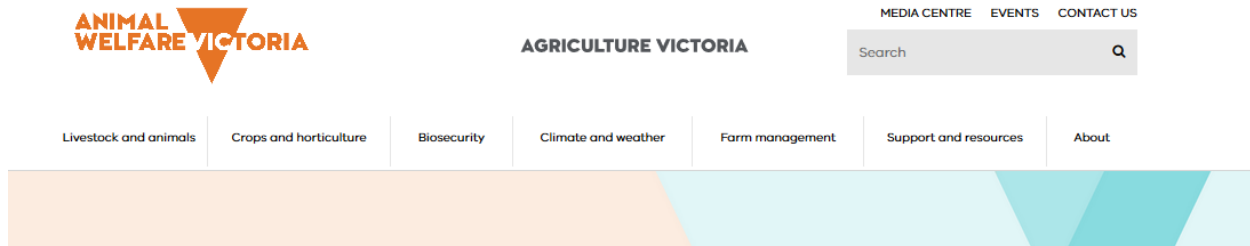
## Tail Docking

The Australian dairy industry does not support the use of tail docking, and should only be performed on veterinary advice to treat injury or disease.





# Governance – animal welfare



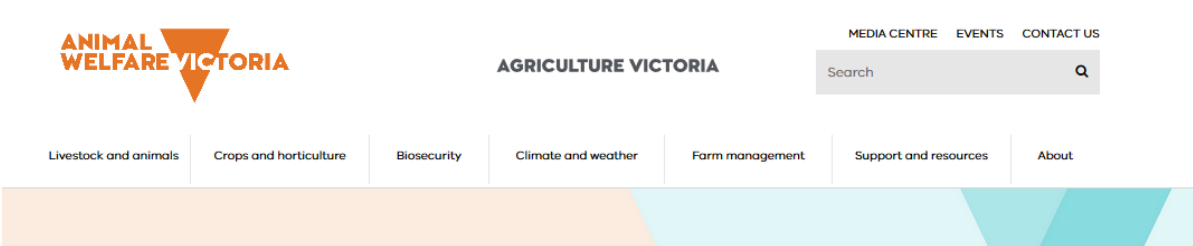
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    - > Livestock management standards a systematic risk assessment
    - > Livestock confinement
    - > Humane vertebrate pest control

## Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (POCTA) Act 1986

<b>About the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Legislation</b> <p>The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals legislation consists of the principal Act, principal Regulations, Domestic Fowl Regulations and Codes of Practice.</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Victorian codes of practice for animal welfare</b> <p>Codes of practice set out recommended minimum standards and practices for the keeping of a wide range of species and animal related activities.</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Land transport of livestock standards and guidelines</b> <p>All livestock operators involved in the livestock transport process are required to comply with the Livestock Transport Standards.</p> <a href="#">→</a>
<b>Bobby calf transport standards and guidelines</b> <p>The Land Transport Standards include requirements and guidelines specific to bobby calves.</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Land Transport Standards for livestock agents</b> <p>Requirements livestock agents must comply with to ensure the welfare of livestock under their control.</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Land Transport Standards for saleyards</b> <p>Saleyard operators, livestock agents and transporters involved in the livestock transport process must comply with the Land Transport Standards.</p> <a href="#">→</a>
<b>Impounding of livestock legislation</b> <p>All legislation covering impounding of livestock under the Impounding of Livestock Act 1994.</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Livestock management legislation and regulations</b> <p>Several pieces of legislation govern the management of livestock with important regulations and guidelines for managing livestock and their</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Livestock management standards a systematic risk assessment</b> <p>Livestock operators are required to conduct a systematic risk assessment of the livestock management standards</p> <a href="#">→</a>



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      - > Code of Practice for Training dogs and cats to wear electronic collars (Revision 1)
      - > Code of Practice for the Public Display of Exhibition of Animals

## Victorian codes of practice for animal welfare

### Codes of practice

The codes of practice for animal welfare listed below are made under either the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* (POCTA Act) or the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* (DA Act).

Codes of practice set out recommended minimum standards and practices for the keeping of a wide range of species and animal related activities. They should be read in conjunction with other relevant legislation such as the DAA and POCTA Acts.

The requirements of all DA Act codes are mandatory.

Most POCTA Act codes are advisory only – unless made mandatory through specific recognition in legislation. Compliance with the provisions of POCTA codes can provide a defence to a prosecution under the POCTA Act.

A range of [Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines](#)<sup>27</sup> for livestock are in development at a national level. It is anticipated that Australian standards and guidelines agreed to by Victoria will be adopted through the new proposed Animal Welfare Act. This legislation is currently under development.

<b>Overview of the animal welfare codes of practice</b> <p>Codes of practice for animal welfare set out recommended minimum standards and practices for the keeping of a wide range of species and animal related activities.</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Cattle</b> <p>This code outlines the welfare needs of cattle.</p> <a href="#">→</a>	<b>Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Deer</b> <p>This code outlines the welfare needs of deer kept in captivity.</p> <a href="#">→</a>
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# Governance – drugs and chemicals

- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (Federal) – regulates agricultural (and veterinary) chemicals up until the point of sale



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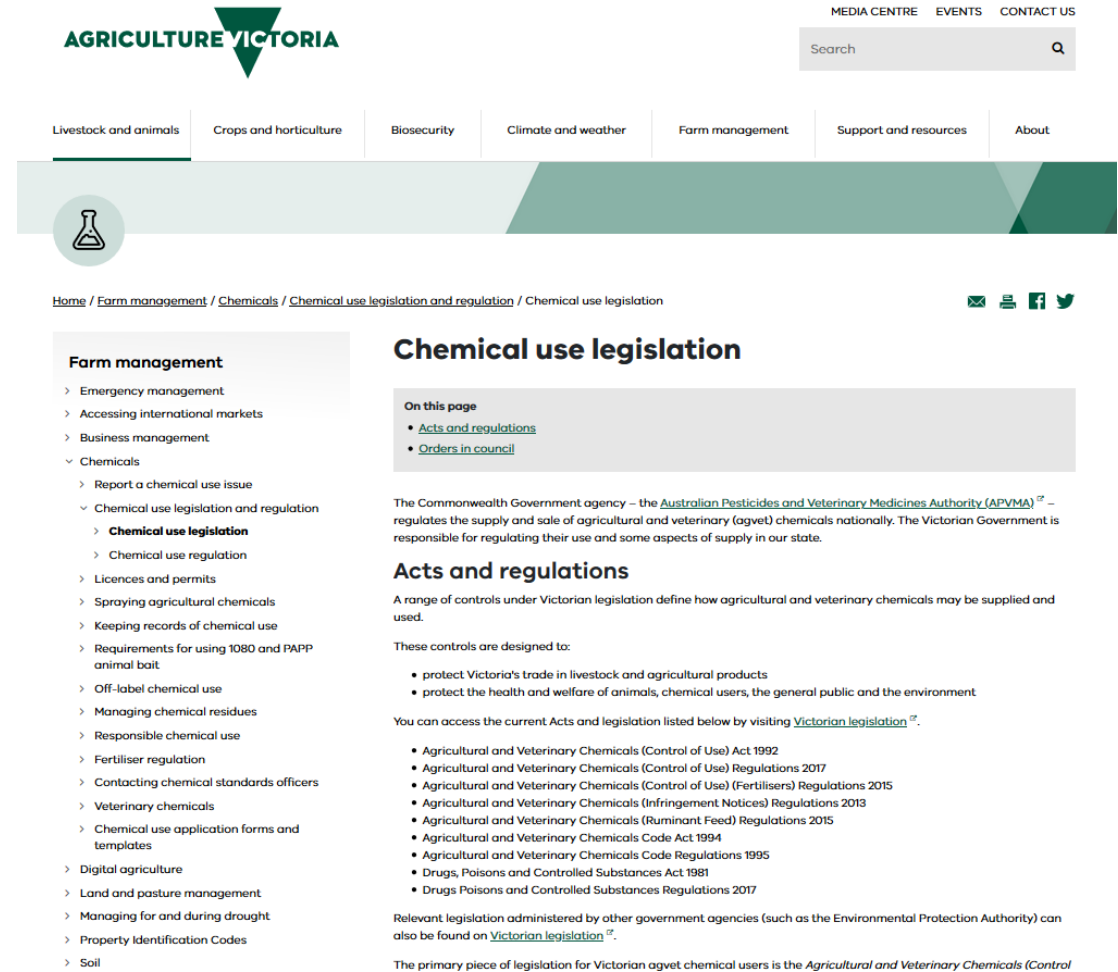
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OUR SCIENCE

# Governance – drugs and chemicals

- States regulate the use of these drugs and chemicals beyond the point of sale



The screenshot shows the Agriculture Victoria website. The header includes the 'AGRICULTURE VICTORIA' logo, navigation links for 'MEDIA CENTRE', 'EVENTS', and 'CONTACT US', and a search bar. A secondary navigation bar lists various agricultural sectors: 'Livestock and animals', 'Crops and horticulture', 'Biosecurity', 'Climate and weather', 'Farm management', 'Support and resources', and 'About'. The 'Farm management' section is expanded, showing a list of topics including 'Emergency management', 'Accessing international markets', 'Business management', 'Chemicals', 'Report a chemical use issue', 'Chemical use legislation and regulation', 'Chemical use legislation' (highlighted), 'Chemical use regulation', 'Licences and permits', 'Spraying agricultural chemicals', 'Keeping records of chemical use', 'Requirements for using 1080 and PAPP animal bait', 'Off-label chemical use', 'Managing chemical residues', 'Responsible chemical use', 'Fertiliser regulation', 'Contacting chemical standards officers', 'Veterinary chemicals', 'Chemical use application forms and templates', 'Digital agriculture', 'Land and pasture management', 'Managing for and during drought', 'Property Identification Codes', and 'Soil'. The 'Chemical use legislation' page is displayed, featuring a sidebar with 'On this page' links: 'Acts and regulations' and 'Orders in council'. The main content area explains that the Commonwealth Government agency, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), regulates the supply and sale of agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals nationally. It also mentions that the Victorian Government is responsible for regulating their use and some aspects of supply in the state. The page is titled 'Chemical use legislation' and includes a section for 'Acts and regulations' which states that a range of controls under Victorian legislation define how agricultural and veterinary chemicals may be supplied and used. These controls are designed to: protect Victoria's trade in livestock and agricultural products; and protect the health and welfare of animals, chemical users, the general public and the environment. A link is provided to access the current Acts and legislation listed below by visiting 'Victorian legislation'. A list of relevant legislation is provided, including the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Regulations 2017, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) (Fertilisers) Regulations 2015, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Infringement Notices) Regulations 2013, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Ruminant Feed) Regulations 2015, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations 1995, Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981, and Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017. The page also notes that relevant legislation administered by other government agencies (such as the Environmental Protection Authority) can also be found on 'Victorian legislation'. Finally, it states that the primary piece of legislation for Victorian agvet chemical users is the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control

# Dairy food safety

## Australian Milk Residue Analysis Survey

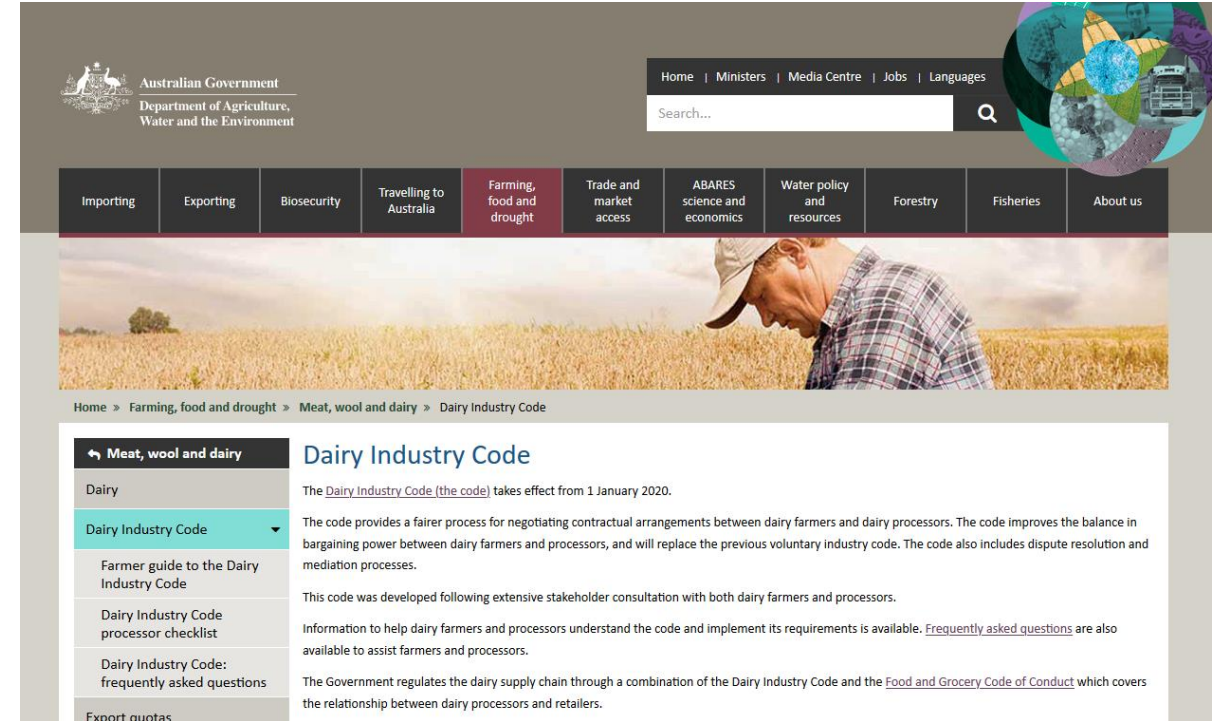
- Approx. 1000 raw milk samples per year, across all dairying regions of Australia
- Analysed for the presence of antimicrobials, antiparasitics, feed contaminants, environmental contaminants
- Coordinated by Dairy Food Safety Victoria on behalf of other department and state regulatory authorities, DAWE responsible for management



Source: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/dairy/links/australian-milk-residue-survey>

# Dairy Industry Code (again)

- Dairy industry code regulates the relationships between producers and processors
- Food and Grocery Code of Conduct regulates the relationship between dairy processors and retailers



The screenshot shows the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website. The header includes the Australian Government logo, the department name, and navigation links: Home, Ministers, Media Centre, Jobs, Languages. A search bar is also present. Below the header is a horizontal menu with links: Importing, Exporting, Biosecurity, Travelling to Australia, Farming, food and drought (highlighted), Trade and market access, ABARES science and economics, Water policy and resources, Forestry, Fisheries, and About us. The main content area features a large image of a farmer in a field. Below the image is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Farming, food and drought > Meat, wool and dairy > Dairy Industry Code. On the left is a sidebar menu under 'Meat, wool and dairy' with options: Dairy, Dairy Industry Code (selected), Farmer guide to the Dairy Industry Code, Dairy Industry Code processor checklist, Dairy Industry Code: frequently asked questions, and Export quotas. The main content area is titled 'Dairy Industry Code' and contains the following text:

The [Dairy Industry Code \(the code\)](#) takes effect from 1 January 2020.

The code provides a fairer process for negotiating contractual arrangements between dairy farmers and dairy processors. The code improves the balance in bargaining power between dairy farmers and processors, and will replace the previous voluntary industry code. The code also includes dispute resolution and mediation processes.

This code was developed following extensive stakeholder consultation with both dairy farmers and processors.

Information to help dairy farmers and processors understand the code and implement its requirements is available. [Frequently asked questions](#) are also available to assist farmers and processors.

The Government regulates the dairy supply chain through a combination of the Dairy Industry Code and the [Food and Grocery Code of Conduct](#) which covers the relationship between dairy processors and retailers.



# Task

Find the dairy sections of:

1. Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL)
2. Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle
3. Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for the Land Transport of Livestock

Who hosts these?

Who is responsible for updating them?

Which are enforceable and how?





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