



Support for Owners of Ovine Johne's Disease Affected Flocks

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A range of support services is available to owners of flocks affected by ovine Johne's disease (OJD).

Technical advice

Financial assistance is available for owners of infected flocks to obtain professional advice towards developing a Property Disease Management Program (PDMP).

Assistance is also available for owners of flocks that neighbour, or have been traced to, OJD infected flocks to obtain advice from a SheepMAP accredited veterinarian to allow for informed decision making on testing and vaccination strategies. (Refer Agriculture Note: *Financial assistance measures for ovine Johne's disease in Victoria*).

Department of Primary Industries (DPI) animal health staff are available to discuss OJD or other animal health issues with groups or individuals.

Technical information about OJD can be found on the DPI website <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/farming/OJD>. This site also contains links to other websites with information on OJD.

Financial advice

OJD can have a significant economic impact on a sheep enterprise, even though sheep losses may not be high. Affected producers may wish to seek financial advice.

Rural Financial Counselling Program

A network of rural financial counsellors provides free, independent and confidential financial services for farmers. Counsellors can assist with financial budgets and communicating with financial institutions.

Location	Counsellor	Phone
Bairnsdale	John Meadows	5152 1514
Benalla	Carl Fraser	5761 1611
Bendigo	Ted Gretgrix	5442 2424
Bendigo	Greg Cahill	5447 9267
Bendigo	Jan Wickes	5450 9541
Bendigo	David Pitson	0429 167 187
Bendigo	Geoff Reseigh	0439 482 682
Bendigo	Lyn Symons	5464 2346
Cobram	Paul Blackshaw	02 6030 4500
Colac	Wayne Stephen	5232 2976

Location	Counsellor	Phone
Colac	Matthew Harris	5232 2976
Ellinbank	Ilona Kingston	5624 2286
Hamilton	Debbie Milne	5573 0906
Hamilton	Greg Lowe	5573 0941
Horsham	Patrick White	5381 1646
Horsham	Brian Gardiner	5381 1646
Horsham	Malcolm Wyeth	5381 1646
Kerang	Dominic Baxter	5450 3285
Kerang	Peter Carrigg	5450 3285
Kerang	Ms Jan Wickes	5450 3285
Kyabram	Liz Mann	0427 546 642
Kyabram	Dennis Flood	0427 546 652
Kyabram	Lindsay Brown	5851 3421
Leongatha	Jenni Gibson	5662 9928
Leongatha	Marshall Scott	5662 9928
Maffra	Jenny Mason	5147 0855
Mildura	Stephanie Ferdelja	5022 0799
Mildura	Kerryne McClelland	5022 0799
Mildura	Graeme Thornton	5022 0799
Mildura	Don Seward	5022 0799
Seymour	Ken Slatter	5735 4342
Swan Hill	Kaylene Birch	5032 2562
Terang	Mr Vince Thorne	5592 2096
Wodonga	Tony Shirley	0429 484 489
Woomelang	John Byrne	5081 2275
Wycheproof	David Mc Manamey	5493 7020

Rural Finance Corporation (RFC)

RFC provides financial advice and is aware of government schemes and subsidies for primary producers. The RFC website is www.ruralfinance.com.au

Banks and Financiers

Banks and financiers may be able to assist by restructuring loans to ease repayments.

Centrelink

Centrelink provides information on a range of Commonwealth services, pensions and allowances. The website is www.centrelink.gov.au.

Further information

Further information about OJD can be obtained from animal health staff at your nearest DPI office or on the DPI web site: <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/farming/OJD>

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