

# Livestock Contractors Footrot Certification Scheme

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Significant progress has been made with the control of footrot in New South Wales since the NSW Footrot Strategic Plan was introduced in 1988. The whole of the State is now gazetted as Control or Protected Area status for footrot. This is a significant achievement, which reflects the tremendous amount of work and commitment – from all sectors of the sheep industry over the last decade – to eradicate this important disease.

Footrot Contractors have made a significant contribution to this eradication program under the Footrot Strategic Plan.

However, footrot still persists in some areas of NSW and eradication programs need to continue. Programs are mainly conducted through Rural Lands Protection Boards. They are committed to ongoing surveillance and working with producers and contractors to ensure the last remaining pockets of footrot are cleaned up.

Footrot Contractors play an important role in on-property eradication programs. The Livestock Contractors Footrot Certification Scheme was established as part of the Footrot Strategic Plan to facilitate their involvement in footrot programs. The Scheme has been endorsed by both the NSW Footrot Steering Committee and the Livestock Contractors Association.

Under the Scheme, registered contractors receive an exemption under the Veterinary Surgeons Act to effectively assist veterinarians and property owners in footrot eradication programs.

As part of the Scheme, contractors undergo an assessment by NSW Department of Primary Industries to ensure they are competent in the diagnosis and treatment of footrot.

Footrot Contractors must work under an approved veterinarian who is responsible for the initial diagnosis of footrot in the flock and for supervision of the control and eradication program. The contractor should discuss the program with the owner and the veterinarian

before the program starts. Progress of the program should be reported on a regular basis. Any antibiotics or other treatments applied must be used in the manner described by the approved veterinarian.

The current list of footrot contractors, registered with the Livestock Contractors Footrot Certification Scheme by the Veterinary Surgeons Board of NSW, is shown on the next page. Under the Veterinary Surgeons Act, only persons registered by the Veterinary Surgeons Board are allowed to undertake footrot control programs.

Flock owners with a footrot problem in their flock are encouraged to use a registered Footrot Contractor to assist them in their eradication program.

## For further information contact

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**Footrot contractor address list**

**Registered by the Veterinary Surgeons Board of NSW, as at August 2006.**

<b>Cert. No</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>
1	James Lenehan (Provisional Registration)	"Bobbin Hill" GUYRA NSW 2365	02 6775 0163	30/06/2007
5	Robert Parkinson	PO Box 1043 YOUNG NSW 2594	02 6384 4258 0428 251 034	30/6/2010
7	Andrew Curlewis	PO Box 463 YASS NSW 2582	02 6227 1262 0429 669 636	30/6/2010
10	Robert Henderson	203 Porters Mount Road COWRA NSW 2794	02 6342 2835 0428 743 953	30/6/2010
11	Phillip King	"Tallowood" Molong Rd CUMNOCK NSW 2867	02 6367 7439 0428 677 100	30/6/2010
15	Phillip Roberts	"Hillcreston" BIGGA NSW 2583	02 4835 2333	30/06/2010
16	Geoff Southwell	"Crystal Springs" REIDS FLAT NSW 2586	02 6345 2212	30/06/2010
17	Kevin McRae	Lot 7 Kane Street MANGOPLAH NSW 2652	02 6928 5792	30/06/2010
20	Rob Lenehan	"Bobbin Hill" GUYRA NSW 2365	02 6775 0163	30/06/2010
21	Robert Powell	PO Box 536 ARMIDALE NSW 2350	0429 786 252	30/6/2010
26	Ian Willersdorf	PO Box 467 YASS NSW 2582	02 6226 5290 0438 268 402	30/6/2010
27	Errol Sisson	"Lone Pine" GUYRA NSW 2365	02 6779 1545	30/06/2010
28	Colin Norton	30 Wonga Cres PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444	0412 931 529	30/06/2010
31	Justin May	44 Franklin Road ORANGE NSW 2800	02 6362 0445 0428 169 034	30/06/2010
32	Craig Christopherson	PO Box 142 ORANGE NSW 2800	0419 659 197	30/06/2010
33	Paul Gentles (Provisional Registration)	PO Box 322 COOTAMUNDRA NSW 2590	02 6942 6869	30/06/2007
34	Robert Kelly (Provisional Registration)	"Brookfield" GUYRA NSW 2365	02 6775 8331	30/06/2007
35	David Lenehan (Provisional Registration)	"Crowford" TUENA NSW 2583	0408 115 546	30/06/2007