



NSW PORCINE BRUCELLOSIS ACCREDITATION PROGRAM OWNER AGREEMENT

(Please print)

Surname(s): First Name(s):

Company Name:

Property Name:

Property Address:

Postal Address:

Phone: Fax:

PIC No.: Herd No.:

LLS:

I hereby apply to have the above herd placed on the list of accredited porcine brucellosis-free herds. I undertake to provide all information about the property and the history of the herd relative to porcine brucellosis to my approved veterinarian.

I understand that the porcine brucellosis accredited status of the herd will be maintained unless I am in breach of the guidelines or conditions or porcine brucellosis is detected or suspected in the herd.

I understand that all costs as part of obtaining and maintaining accreditation in the NSW Porcine Brucellosis Accreditation Program (the Program), including sampling, testing and biosecurity assessments, are my responsibility.

I have read and understood the conditions of the Program. I agree to abide by the conditions of the Program as outlined below:

CONDITIONS OF THE NSW PORCINE BRUCELLOSIS ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

1. These conditions outline the minimum standards of the NSW Porcine Brucellosis Herd Accreditation Program (the Program).
2. Herds must have an acceptable pig herd health history, which includes:
 - a) a documented assessment of *Brucella suis* free status, including laboratory test results for any reproductive issue investigations (e.g. abortions, boar infertility) during the previous 2 years; and
 - b) no unresolved infertility or other reproductive issues in the herd indicative of *Brucella suis* infection during the previous 2 years; and
 - c) no known exposure to *Brucella suis* during the previous 5 years; and a documented risk assessment for the potential contact between feral pigs and their products with applicant herd pigs; and
 - d) regular use (i.e. at least one visit every 3 months) of a registered private veterinarian with pig health knowledge and expertise.
3. Herds must be a closed herd for a minimum of 2 years prior to application.
4. Only registered private veterinarians with pig health knowledge and expertise can apply to be approved veterinarians in the Program.

5. Boundary fencing must be well maintained high security fencing consisting of stock-proof (rigid) partitions sufficient to prohibit the entry of feral pigs. Gates must be rigid and lockable.
6. Herd owners/managers must maintain a register of all pig and pig semen introductions and approved veterinarian visits to the accredited herd. The register must record details of numbers, gender and property of origin of introduced pigs.
7. Herd owners/managers must keep copies of all approved veterinarian reports, including laboratory reports, received.
8. Approved veterinarians must monitor accredited herds. This includes a minimum of one property visit every 3 months. Visits must include an inspection of the boundary fencing, a clinical examination of breeders and a review of reproductive records and the pig introduction register.
9. No pig or pig semen is to be introduced into an accredited herd, or into a herd after the first initial accreditation blood test, except under the following conditions:
 - a) the pig or pig semen is from another accredited herd (or from an accredited herd in an equivalent accreditation program in other jurisdictions); or
 - b) the pig is from another jurisdiction, or part of another jurisdiction, where there is no evidence of *Brucella suis* infection in domestic or feral pigs, kept in isolation and blood tested for *Brucella suis* within 30 days of introduction with negative results; or
 - c) the pig semen is from a boar from another jurisdiction, or part of another jurisdiction, where there is no evidence of *Brucella suis* infection in domestic or feral pigs, and the boar has been kept in isolation and blood tested for *Brucella suis* within 30 days prior to introduction of the semen with negative results; or
 - d) the pig comes from a herd with an acceptable pig herd health history and has been blood tested twice for *Brucella suis* with negative results. The interval between the tests is to be a minimum of 60 days. The pig must not show any clinical signs indicative of *Brucella suis* infection. During this interval, the pig is to be kept in isolation to the satisfaction of the approved veterinarian.
10. All boars intended for use as breeders must be individually permanently identified.
11. A herd management plan must be in place, which outlines how stray pigs (feral pigs and returned pigs from the accredited herd) will be managed.
12. Laboratory costs for the Program are the responsibility of the herd owner or sample submitter.
13. The blood testing protocol for initial accreditation is only valid if the first blood testing occurs at least 60 days after the requirements of the guidelines and conditions have been adopted, particularly secure boundary fencing.
14. The approved veterinarian is responsible for interpreting all laboratory test results and providing reports and advice to herd owners/managers.

I have read and understood the guidelines of the Program. I agree to undertake to comply with the requirements of the guidelines, including the following:

PROPERTY

1. A plan of the property will be provided to my approved veterinarian.
2. Adequate facilities will be provided for isolation and the safe examination and testing of breeding stock (i.e. gilts/sows/boars).

HERD MANAGEMENT AND BIOSECURITY

3. My nominated approved veterinarian will make an assessment of the herd management and biosecurity prior to submitting a written report with a recommendation for accreditation.
4. Adequate herd reproductive records will be kept that demonstrate farrowing %, stillborn %, weakborn % and pre-weaning mortality %.
5. My approved veterinarian will be promptly notified of any changes or alterations to herd management or biosecurity that might affect herd accreditation status.

BREEDERS

6. All breeding stock serologically tested will be individually permanently identified to the satisfaction of the approved veterinarian.
7. All boars will be accounted for at each blood test, including those sold or deceased, and will be presented to my approved veterinarian for blood sampling and/or manual examination as required.

8. All breeder boars with palpable abnormalities of the reproductive tract (e.g. testicles) will be isolated on detection and blood tested with negative results before use in the herd.
9. No serological reactors or suspect infected breeders will be disposed of until their status is resolved.

BREAKDOWNS

10. In addition to normal notifiable disease reporting requirements, I will notify my approved veterinarian immediately if porcine brucellosis is detected or suspected in the herd.
11. If porcine brucellosis is confirmed in the herd, I will disclose all relevant information to my approved veterinarian to enable the source of infection to be identified.

SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION

12. Accreditation will be suspended if:
 - i. porcine brucellosis is suspected in any pig in the herd; or
 - ii. testing is 2 months overdue; or
 - iii. the approved veterinarian is unable to recommend re-accreditation; or
 - iv. the approved veterinarian provides a report that the guidelines or conditions have been breached.
13. Accreditation of the herd will be cancelled if:
 - i. porcine brucellosis is confirmed in any pig in the herd; or
 - ii. there has been no report of testing within 2 months of the due date; or
 - iii. the owner advises he/she no longer wishes to participate in the Program; or
 - iv. the approved veterinarian recommends cancellation.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 20

Signature of Owner

Signature of Veterinarian

Name (*please print*)

<p>List of NSW Porcine Brucellosis Accredited Pig Herds</p> <p>Details of your accreditation will automatically be published on our website: If you do not wish to have your details published, please indicate by ticking box.</p> <p>Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Signature:</p>
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