

Moving cattle into and within NSW

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All cattle, including pets, poddy calves, buffalo, bison, beef and dairy cattle must meet the movement requirements.

Requirements relating to cattle tick

There are legal controls on the entry of cattle tick carriers to NSW. These requirements apply to cattle moving from or through Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

For detailed information see the [Primefact 1556 Cattle tick - NSW entry requirements](#)

Note: there are cameras monitoring the border between Queensland and NSW. Suspected illegal movements of cattle are investigated.

Fodder from any other state or territory

Plant material may be restricted from entering NSW. For information call 1800 808 095 or email biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Moving cattle in NSW

Cattle moving into NSW from other states must meet the state of origin's requirements until entering NSW and NSW requirements once in NSW.

Property Identification Codes (PIC)

Every property on which cattle are kept must have a [PIC](#).

NLIS – National Livestock Identification System

Additional information is available at [NLIS](#)

Tags

Cattle must have an approved [NLIS](#) device (eartag or rumen bolus) attached before being moved within NSW.

NLIS devices are not to be removed unless they can no longer be read and are immediately replaced with a readable device.

Paperwork

All cattle being moved into or within NSW must be accompanied by paperwork:

- [National Vendor Declaration](#) (NVD), or
- [Transported Stock Statement](#) (TSS)

NLIS database

The [NLIS database](#) must be notified of all cattle movements. The persons responsible for notifying the database are:

- The saleyard for cattle sold through a saleyard.

- The abattoir for cattle sent direct to an abattoir.
- The owner of the cattle for all other cattle movements. This must occur within 2 days of their arrival. The sighted livestock function may be used for cattle attending shows or events, provided they are returned to their property of origin.

National Cattle Health Declaration

It is recommended that a [National Cattle Health Declaration](#) is provided when offering cattle for restocker sale or agistment. It is not a legal requirement in NSW.

Local Councils

Some [local councils](#) within NSW have restrictions on the keeping of cattle in urban and peri-urban areas. Contact your local council for more information.

Sick cattle

You should not transport sick cattle. Contact your private veterinarian or [Local Land Services](#) for advice.

Animal Welfare

You must follow the [Land Transport of Livestock Standards](#) when transporting cattle.

Buffalo and Bison

Buffalo and bison are cattle and the requirements for moving cattle must be met.

Farm Biosecurity

Biosecurity helps you to protect your cattle from pests and diseases. This means avoiding or managing disease risks. Introducing other cattle on to your property or agisting your own cattle elsewhere and bringing them home are some of the main biosecurity risks for cattle owners. For more information see [Farm Biosecurity](#).

More information

General Enquires 1800 680 244 or biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au

[Local Land Services](#) 1300 795 299

Cattle tick (02) 6626 1201

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