

## Handling Restricted Animal Material On mixed farms

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Reminder to all producers who run pigs and ruminants!

NSW Farmers' Association Cattle and Pork Committee representatives have recently discussed with MLA and Australian Pork Limited, the importance of the ruminant feed ban for producers who run both pigs and ruminants.

**All livestock producers must take extreme care to thoroughly clean all containers, machinery, augers or areas coming in touch with stockfeed containing Restricted Animal Material (RAM).**

**Remember - the ban on feeding RAM includes feeding traces of RAM.**

The ban extends to alpacas, cattle, sheep, goats, deer, llama and any other ruminant. RAM contains meat, blood, offal, feather, fish and manure or meals made from these ingredients as these could cause bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

It may be that farms running ruminants also have pigs and so therefore have pig feeds that contain RAM.

Pig producers are concerned with biosecurity therefore naturally clean their feed equipment before feeding pigs to stop anything that risks pig health. Ruminant health can also be threatened by pig feed containing RAM. Therefore producers must thoroughly clean feeding equipment before using it for ruminants.

Responsible use of RAM by producers with both pigs and ruminants will prolong their right to this cheaper pig feed source and reduce the risk of BSE occurring in the Australian cattle herd.

For more information contact the NSW Department of Primary Industries or your Rural Lands Protection Board or click for the following sites:

<http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/aahc/index.cfm?F2DF2A45-9869-8D83-1FCF-EDA9E5D0721B>

[http://www.safemeat.com.au/NR/rdonlyres/ECFED530-5DD1-45D5-B2FF-F5B3292F7B4D/0/RuminantFeedBan\\_producers.pdf](http://www.safemeat.com.au/NR/rdonlyres/ECFED530-5DD1-45D5-B2FF-F5B3292F7B4D/0/RuminantFeedBan_producers.pdf)