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## On-farm biosecurity - there's an app for that



It might not be as entertaining or addictive as some apps, but the new FarmBiosecurity smartphone app will help take your biosecurity planning to the next level.

Available for both Apple and Android devices, the FarmBiosecurity app is a free tool that allows livestock and crop producers to create their own personalised biosecurity plan. **More**

## Just in time for summer holiday travel



In addition to the restrictions on what can be brought into Australia from overseas, there are also rules about what can be moved around Australia. This is to prevent the spread of plant pests and diseases from one area of the country to another.

To help people comply with the rules, and just in time for summer holiday season, there's a new website for Australian Interstate Quarantine requirements for both travelling public and producers sending consignments of fruit and veggies to markets. **More**

## No holiday for diseases, pests and weeds



One of the best stress free measures a producer can take if they are going away over the Christmas break is to ensure that there's someone taking care of biosecurity while they are off relaxing.

Duncan Rowland, Animal Health Australia's Executive Manager of Biosecurity and Product Integrity Services is reminding producers to reinforce the importance of on-farm biosecurity practices to their chosen farm caretakers. **More**

## Karnal bunt scenario tests surveillance



During the past year, a number of activities have been undertaken as part of Exercise Haryana to test the grains industry's readiness to respond to an incursion of the exotic fungal pathogen Karnal bunt (*Tilletia indica*) – one of Australia's highest-alert plant diseases.

These activities included field tests using simulated incursions in regional areas in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and



Western Australia. [More](#)

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## In other news

### Sydney-based absentee landholder project

The LandSmart app has been produced as part of a project helping absentee rural landholders living in Sydney to improve their land management practices. [More](#)

### Sydney's sour arrival found teeming with biosecurity pests and disease

A lime plant detected in the luggage of a passenger arriving in Australia from Bangladesh has been found heavily infested with live insects and an exotic bacterium that could decimate Australia's \$500 million dollar citrus industry. [More](#)

### Drenches for goats: using products correctly and legally

The range of products registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority for treating goats is much smaller than those for sheep. There are even fewer for dairy goats. [More](#)

## Media snapshot

### Bee Biosecurity Video Series

Australia has a healthy honey bee population and there are things that every beekeeper can do to keep it that way. [More](#)

### Surprise package invaders

They pose a \$30 billion risk to Australia's cropping, forestry and horticulture industries and this festive season gift givers and recipients are advised to look out for unwanted plant pests in packages arriving from overseas. [More](#)

### Got a piece on animal health? We want to see it

AHA's premier publication, *Stock Health Monitor* (SHM) is looking for contributors for the upcoming 2016 Spring/Summer edition. If you have a piece you would like to be considered for SHM, please email it to [HMcNamara@animalhealthaustralia.com.au](mailto:HMcNamara@animalhealthaustralia.com.au)

### Survey by NSW DPI on biosecurity

Primary producers, allied industries and rural and metropolitan communities in NSW are invited to complete a survey by NSW DPI on biosecurity awareness, attitudes, understanding and behaviours. [Click here to participate](#)

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