



Protecting the farmer's patch

2. Biosecurity Risks on the Farm



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A biosecurity plan does two things

1. Identifies biosecurity risks on the farm and has a management plan to prevent them spreading on the farm and to others.
2. It has a plan for not allowing biosecurity risks to come on to the farm
3. Biosecurity risks that could be on your farm

Weeds

Insects

Predators

Diseases

Management plan biosecurity risks

Already on the farm



- Farmer example of management plan biosecurity risks already on the farm.

Biosecurity issue	Area (ha)	Biosecurity issues and how you plan to manage them
Nassella Tussock	7.5	We get contractors to come in and grub the nassella tussock each year before flowering on Northerly faces on back of farm (see map). They remove approximately 60 plants. Next time they come on to the farm we are going to ask them to GPS them so we can track their location and trends over time.
Deer		Feral deer come on to the property. We work with a hunter who comes on to the farm and hunts. He butchers the deer and gives us a return for the meat.
Horehound	20	It was reasonably controlled on the farm but it has now spread over the open Earthquake damaged steep land at the back of the farm especially on the lime soils. Pds 10-15 (see map). We will be spot spraying twice a year.

Activity



- Open the biosecurity plan template in word
- Read pages 2- 3
- Fill in pages 1 and 5 and save and rename the document. This is the start of your biosecurity plan.
- Open one of the example biosecurity plans provided.
- Read their description of the biosecurity risks on their farms.
- Fill in page 7 on your plan. Describing the biosecurity risks on your farm and how you manage them.