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Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia

Fact sheet

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Introductory statement

Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia is **not present** in Australia. It is a contagious bacterial disease that affects the lungs of cattle, buffalo, zebu and yaks. Sheep, goats, camels, antelope and wild bovids are resistant to the disease. Humans are also unaffected.

The bacterium is widespread in Africa, the Middle East, southern Europe and parts of Asia. It is an airborne bacterium and can travel up to several kilometres under certain conditions.

If you suspect a case of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia you should immediately call the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline (1800 675 888)**.

References and other information

The latest information on bovine pleuropneumonia is available from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) website: www.woah.org/app/uploads/2021/03/cbpp.pdf and www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahm/3.04.08_CBPP.pdf.

WOAH detection, reporting and control measures are located at:

www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahc/current/chapitre_mycoplasma_mycoides.pdf

The Response Policy Brief (version 3.6, 2018) contains information on the control and eradication of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and other diseases not covered by full AUSTVETPLAN disease strategies. It is available as part of the AUSTVETPLAN series. Wildlife considerations as part of response are addressed in the WARS AUSTVETPLAN. Both can be found at:

<https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan>

Information available on distribution and abundance of feral cattle and buffalo in Australia can be accessed through “Significant invasive species (vertebrate pests)” (2008)

https://pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/06/NLWRA_Invasive_Animals_Booklet.pdf.

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