



Stakeholder information: Animal Welfare Management Plan

New LPA requirement from 23 June 2025

Animal Welfare Management Plan (AWMP)

- New requirement added to Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) from 23 June 2025
- Based on the *Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines* for cattle, sheep and goats.
- Producers can create an AWMP:
 - When reaccrediting with LPA via the LPA Self-Assessment tool from 23 June 2025.
 - At any time via LPA account.
- LPA audits from 1 September 2025 will include a check for AWMP completion.



Why do I need an Animal Welfare Management Plan?

- Industry requested this to:
 - Enhance the assurance LPA provides in relation to animal welfare
 - Strengthen Australia's reputation in relation to animal welfare in international markets
 - Improve producer awareness, understanding and application of the ***Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines***
- ISC worked with industry for 18 months to develop a simple tool to create animal welfare management plans in LPA



Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines

- Developed to harmonise livestock welfare legislation in Australia.
- Outline animal welfare responsibilities for livestock producers, covering:
 - feed and water
 - risk management in extreme weather, natural disasters, disease, injury and predation
 - facilities and equipment
 - handling and management/husbandry
 - breeding management
 - artificial breeding procedures
 - humane killing

<https://animalwelfarestandards.net.au/>

- The Standards also cover:



- castration
- dehorning, disbudding or tipping
- spaying
- calf rearing systems
- dairy management
- beef feedlots

- tail docking and castration
- mulesing
- intensive sheep production systems (feedlots and confinement feeding)



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- dehorning, disbudding or tipping
- dairy management
- intensive goat production systems (feedlots and confinement feeding)

How do I access the AWMP tool ...

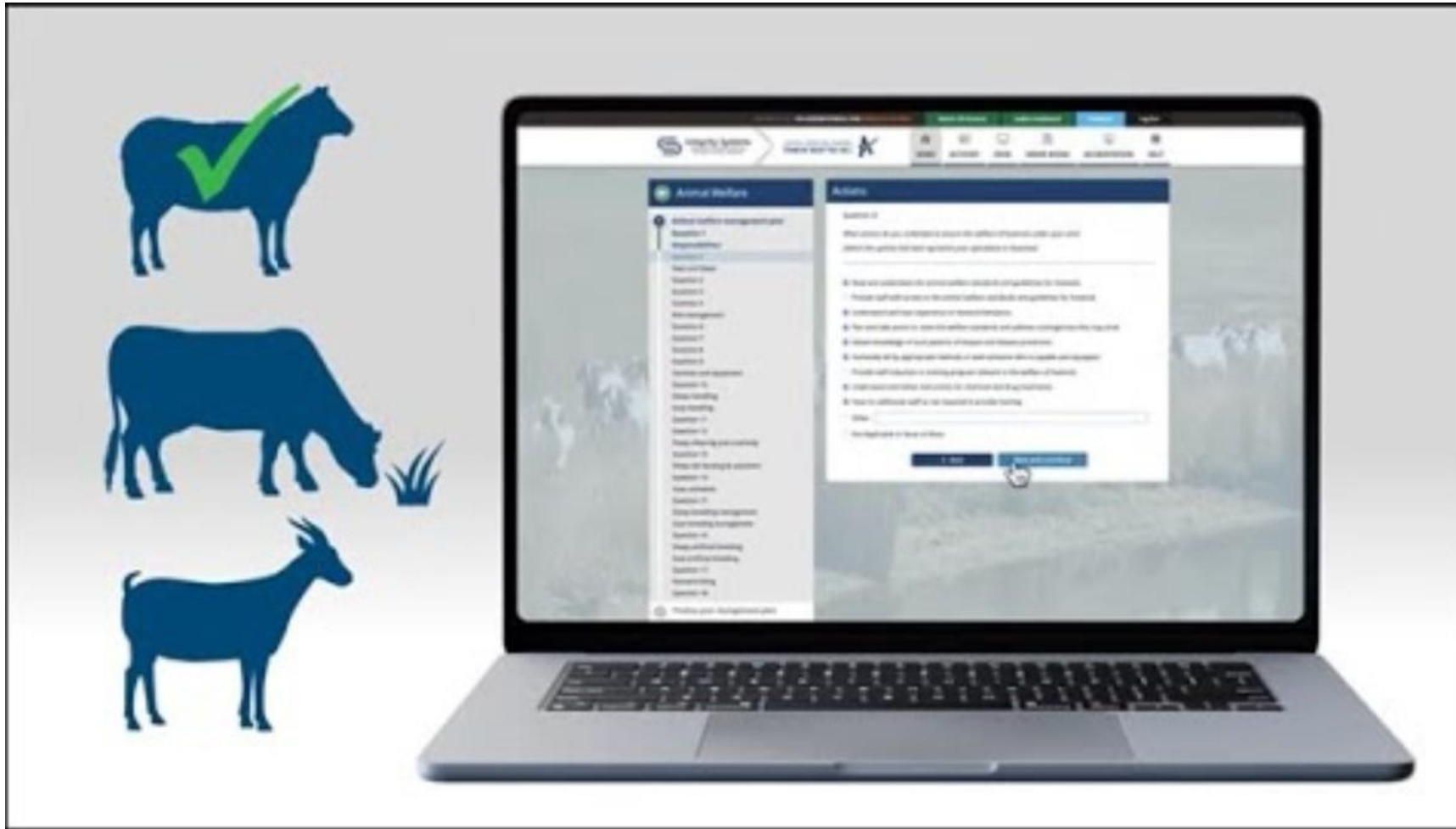
... when renewing LPA accreditation?

1. Log in to your LPA account
2. If renewal is due, you will be directed to the Accreditation page
3. Commence the LPA Self-Assessment
4. At the Animal Welfare section, you will be prompted to complete the **Animal Welfare Management Plan**
5. Confirm livestock type and on farm activities. This will ensure the questions are tailored specifically for individual operations
6. Read the relevant **Australian Animal Welfare Standards** for each section
7. Answer either multiple choice or free text answers. Guidance and links to resources are provided at each question to assist
8. At conclusion, your management plan will be created using your answers

How do I complete the AWMP at any time?

1. Log in to your LPA account
2. Click on 'Record Keeping' at the bottom of the screen or go to 'Account' then 'Record Keeping'
3. You will be redirected to the online Record Keeping page
4. Select the **Animal Welfare Management Plan** option
5. Confirm livestock type and on farm activities. This will ensure the questions are tailored specifically for individual operations
6. Read the relevant **Australian Animal Welfare Standards** for each section
7. Answer with multiple choice or free text answers. Guidance and links to resources are provided at each question to assist
8. At conclusion, your management plan will be created using your answers!

How to complete the AWMF - video



Transition period

- ISC understands producers need time to meet this new requirement

BEFORE 1 September 2025



LPA audits **before** 1 September 2025
and **no** AWMP in place ...



... the auditor will discuss the
new requirement but not issue
a nonconformity

AFTER 1 September 2025



LPA audit **after** 1 September 2025
and **no** AWMP in place ...



... a major nonconformity will be
raised. Producer has
30 days to complete AWMP

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