

# Fodder in Tasmania



## What is Fodder?

Fodder is any hay, straw, chaff or silage used for livestock feed or bedding.

## Purchasing and/or moving fodder within Tasmania

Fodder sellers and purchasers should exercise good farm biosecurity and hygiene practices when dealing with fodder.

Where possible, purchase from a reputable source who you know to produce a quality product free of weed seeds, pests, diseases and other contaminants. Keep in mind specific weed risks in parts of the State such as those affected by serrated tussock. Request fodder entering your property be guaranteed serrated tussock free.

Biosecurity Tasmania recommends giving preference to grain or crop-based fodder (e.g. Lucerne hay) over general paddock hay. General paddock hay can contain a wide range of weed species.

Maintain complete records of fodder sold and purchased.

Insist upon and check that only clean vehicles enter your property and confine visiting vehicles and people to certain areas where possible to minimise the risk of spread of invasive pests, diseases and weeds.

Loading fodder for transport over hard stand surfaces can also minimise risk of spread of weeds and pests.

Biosecurity Tasmania highly recommends storing and feeding out fodder products in a restricted area on your property in order to minimise risk of accidental spread of weeds or other pests or diseases.

Monitor fodder storage and distribution areas for signs of new weeds or other pests. Seek advice from Biosecurity Tasmania immediately if you suspect a new pest has established.

## Importing fodder from interstate

Fodder imported from interstate is considered a high risk pathway for entry of unwanted pests, diseases and weeds.

Biosecurity Tasmania regulates the import of fodder products into Tasmania under Part 2.16 of the *Plant Biosecurity Manual Tasmania* (Ed 2016):

You can apply for a conditional exemption to import fodder by submitting an application form available on the DPIPWE website: <http://dPIPWE.tas.gov.au/biosecurity/quarantine-tasmania/importing-plants/importers-seeking-variation-of-import-requirements>. Submit the application to the email address on the form.

Fodder imported under a conditional exemption must have been tested and certified as free of Ryegrass Nematode (*Anguina agrostis*) and declared weed seeds. The product should be of export quality and securely contained for transport into Tasmania. Tasmanian Seed Services can complete certified testing on a 200g sample of fodder.

Other specific Import Requirements (IRs) may apply for products coming from certain areas on the mainland. For example: IR12 for Pea Weevil; IR15 for Red

Imported Fire Ant; and IR25 for Green Snail.

Biosecurity Tasmania inspects fodder imports upon arrival.

## What happens when imported fodder breaks regulations?

Fodder imported in contravention of Part 2.16 or any other Import Requirement of the *Plant Biosecurity Manual Tasmania* will be held by Biosecurity Tasmania and either re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expense.

Any imported fodder product that is found to be infested with a declared pest, disease or weed will

be destroyed at the importer's expense.

Remember that it is an offence to import declared pests, diseases and weeds into Tasmania.

It is also an offence to transport anything containing viable declared weeds within the State.

Part 2.16 of the *Plant Biosecurity Manual Tasmania* (Ed 2016):

### 2.16 Fodder

**2.16.1** A person must not import any fodder into Tasmania except in accordance with the following conditions:

- I.** Under a pre-approved agreement or conditional exemption granted by DPIPW.
- II.** Pelletised feed is permitted entry for livestock feed during transport to Tasmania. Feed hay, chaff or silage of a cereal or leguminous forage crop such as oats or Lucerne may be permitted in certain instances (e.g. for horses with dietary/GIT disease history).

**2.16.2** Non forage or cereal crop/general paddock straw, hay, silage and chaff:

- I.** will not be accepted for livestock feed or bedding during transport to Tasmania due to the weed seed entry risk they present; **and**
- II.** should not be used for animal transit across Bass Strait from the point of embarkation in Melbourne, Victoria. If found present on arrival, such material will be destroyed at the importers expense.

**2.16.3** Fodder is any hay, straw, chaff or silage used for livestock feed or bedding.

For further information

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