

South Australian **Livestock Industry Funds**

2024-25 PROJECTS





Introduction

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development is responsible for the collection of all primary industry funding schemes (PIFS) and the approved expenditure from them. There are 14 PIFS in South Australia established by state regulations, with 2 applying to the livestock industry – the Sheep and Cattle Industry Funds.

South Australia's Sheep and Cattle Industry Funds are driving real outcomes for livestock producers through targeted investment and collaboration.

In 2024–25, over \$5.7 million was released to support programs that strengthen the sheep and beef cattle industries, with transparent reporting and independent auditing to ensure accountability.

Investments focus on key areas like animal health, traceability, predator control, market access, sustainable production, and advocacy – ensuring producers are supported from paddock to market.

Annual management plans guide long-term contributions and priorities, helping producers stay ahead of emerging challenges like pests, diseases, shifting market demands, and policy changes to the operating environment.

By working together, the livestock industry is building capability, resilience, and readiness, creating a safer, more profitable future for South Australian producers.

Sheep Industry Fund (SIF)

\$4.94 million released from the SIF for programs, projects and activities benefitting South Australia's sheep industry, reported to the Minister and independently audited by the Audit Office of South Australia.

- \$3.79 million coordinated, contracted and acquitted by Livestock SA for 29 projects across animal health, traceability, predator control, advocacy and industry development.
- \$1.15 million to the Dog Fence Board \$864,000 allocated for the Dog Fence Rebuild and the \$289,991 for the Dog Fence Maintenance.

Cattle Industry Fund (CIF)

\$805,745 released from the CIF for programs, projects and activities benefitting South Australia's beef cattle industry, reported to the Minister and independently audited by the Audit Office of South Australia.

- \$805,745 million coordinated, contracted and acquitted by Livestock SA for 10 projects across market access, efficient and sustainable production, business management and skills development, and advocacy.

Sheep Industry Fund



PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	FUNDING
ANIMAL HEALTH	
<p>Ovine Footrot Management Program</p> <p>Service Provider: PIRSA</p> <p>Summary: Enhance industry awareness of Footrot to assist producers manage the disease. Promote responsible management of footrot to support animal welfare and good economic outcomes.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Implement the recommendations of the program review and outcomes of subsequent broad industry consultation to develop a program that addresses the concerns and objectives of the majority of sheep industry participants in SA.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: PIRSA and industry partners implemented major reforms to improve footrot management. From January 2025 footrot became a notifiable (report-only) disease, allowing controlled sheep movements between properties under clear disclosure rules. Updated factsheets, producer notices and field-day outreach supported the change. Compliance monitoring improved, with 221 offences recorded and stronger cross-border cooperation reducing risk. Despite drought impacts, 32 flocks eradicated footrot and 17 destocked, signalling gradual progress toward more practical, risk-based management.</p>	\$995,514
<p>Sheep Lice Compliance Program</p> <p>Service Provider: PIRSA</p> <p>Summary: The sheep lice program aims to minimise the impact of sheep lice on the South Australian sheep industry by providing inspectorial services, education, advice and where appropriate compliance action.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Limit the spread of sheep lice, therefore reducing the cost of treatment and the impact on wool production and animal welfare.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Compliance monitoring found 122 detections of lice-infested sheep at markets, more than double the previous year. Most were light infestations; 98 warning letters and 6 fines were issued, with one successful prosecution. Targeted education and stronger enforcement are improving documentation and accountability, reducing the spread of lice and protecting flock productivity and fibre value.</p>	\$125,788
<p>Livestock SA Biosecurity Project</p> <p>Service Provider: Livestock SA</p> <p>Summary: An engaged and united approach to ensure the livestock industry has the systems, capability, and capacity to minimise the risks of, and maximise preparedness for, endemic and exotic pest, weed and disease incursions and other emerging challenges</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Supporting producers to implement best practice animal health, welfare and biosecurity practices and realised outcomes.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Livestock SA strengthened biosecurity awareness across the sheep industry through training, communication, and practical farm-gate tools such as free biosecurity signage. Workshops and resources helped producers adopt best-practice prevention and traceability systems that safeguard markets and flock health. Funds were also directed to a new Footrot extension program and an upcoming cost-benefit review of the Sheep Lice Compliance Program. Seasonal pressures and staffing gaps slowed delivery, with remaining funds carried forward to complete these components in 2025–26.</p>	\$266,180

<p>Pneumonia Rapid-In Field Test</p> <p>Service Provider: The University of Adelaide</p> <p>Summary: Development of an in-field test for quick, accurate diagnosis of Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae in sheep, aiding disease mitigation and future vaccine development</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: By enabling quick diagnosis and targeted treatment, the test can contribute to better overall health and welfare of sheep. Healthy sheep are more productive, leading to increased meat and wool quality.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Researchers advanced a cost-effective “lateral flow” test to detect pneumonia in sheep. Custom antibodies are now in production and ethics approvals secured for animal and producer trials later in 2025. Preliminary antigen analyses are complete, positioning the test to help producers identify infection early, reduce losses and improve welfare once validated in real-world conditions.</p>	\$140,612
<p>Sheep Pain Mitigation Program (Year 3)</p> <p>Service Provider: The University of Adelaide</p> <p>Summary: Rapidly reindicate drugs to treat chronic pain through the use of tests to quantitatively measure pain and demonstrate drug efficacy and associated productivity gains.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Effective pain mitigation delivers direct productivity and profitability gains for the sheepmeat industry while supporting consumer confidence. Persistent pain reduces productivity, shortens productive life, and increases disease risk. Treating lambs effectively is expected to add at least 1kg liveweight gain between marking and slaughter or accelerate reaching target weights. Treated ewes are anticipated to show improved resilience, maintaining body condition more consistently across production cycles, ultimately strengthening both industry performance and consumer trust.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: The third year delivered major breakthroughs in understanding and measuring pain. Researchers identified plasma miRNA markers linked to pain duration, sex differences, and carcass weight, confirming the productivity cost of unmanaged pain. A sheep-specific IL-1β “painCELL” assay now provides a rapid Yes/No field test, while cross-species validation strengthens confidence in results. Neuroimmune studies uncovered persistent immune activity in the spinal cord after husbandry procedures, offering new therapeutic pathways. Together these findings establish Australia as a world leader in livestock pain research and pave the way for practical tools that enhance welfare and profitability.</p>	\$165,132




TRACEABILITY	
NLIS Sheep Program	\$216,000
Service Provider: PIRSA	
Summary: The NLIS Sheep Program supports the South Australian sheep industry by monitoring and enforcing compliance with sheep identification and traceability standards for the purpose of disease control, food safety and market access.	
Benefits to Industry: The program supports sheep identification and traceability requirements for the purpose of disease control, food safety and market access to increase consumer confidence in the sheep industry and minimise the impact of a disease or food safety incident through efficient tracing of sheep.	
Delivered in 2024–25: The NLIS continues to protect market access by ensuring traceability from property to plate. PIRSA audited saleyards, abattoirs and online transfers, issuing warnings and fines where required. Producer uptake of eID accelerated – over 3.2 million tags were bought in 2024 and 5 million more in the first half of 2025. Electronic NVD use reached 36%, improving traceability speed and accuracy across the supply chain.	
PREDATOR CONTROL	
SA Dog Fence Rebuild	\$864,000
Service Provider: Dog Fence Board (PIRSA)	
Summary: 1,600 km of the Dog Fence will be rebuilt to prevent wild dog incursions.	
Benefits to Industry: The Dog Fence protects South Australia's \$4.3 billion livestock industry by stopping wild dogs from migrating into land used for sheep production. This area is known as the sheep zone. This project will improve a 2,110 km barrier that stretches from the Great Australian Bight to the New South Wales border. As of June 2025, more than 1,070 kilometres of fence has been rebuilt, with work underway on a further 225 kilometres. The contracts to rebuild the remaining 205 kilometres have been awarded.	
SA Dog Fence Program	\$289,991
Service Provider: Dog Fence Board (PIRSA)	
Summary: Ongoing maintenance and enhancement of South Australia's Dog Fence, which is crucial to supporting, protecting, and strengthening the state's \$1.5 billion sheep industry.	
Benefits to Industry: Maintaining an effective dog-proof biosecurity barrier will reduce predation of livestock by wild dogs on grazed land, aiding in population control and eventual eradication of wild dogs inside the Dog Fence. This project will boost South Australian livestock production, and facilitate increased sales, transportation, and processing of sheep through accredited service providers. Additionally, it will enhance natural habitat and biodiversity on livestock properties inside the Dog Fence.	
Eradicating Wild Dogs from Sheep Country	\$200,000
Service Provider: PIRSA	
Summary: SIF funds will leverage greater investment to deliver a large program of workshops, and state-wide surveys for the removal of wild dog safe havens.	
Benefits to Industry: Independent economic analyses of the eradication program indicate that it will provide significant benefits to the South Australian community, with an estimated net benefit (return on investment) of \$56.8 million and 49 FTE jobs over 20 years. The key outcome for sheep producers is the enhanced survival and lambing rates of sheep.	
Delivered in 2024–25: Sheep Industry Funds, matched by PIRSA, leveraged MLA co-investment into a \$2.9 million eradication program. In 2024-25, 30 workshops engaged 100+ producers managing 11 million hectares; 63 wild dogs were removed through trapping; and 90,000 baits were deployed by air in inaccessible areas. Sheep are now returning to country once abandoned, with over 35,000 restocked, demonstrating strong return on investment and renewed confidence inside the Dog Fence.	



Box Flat Wild Dog Control	\$5,100
Service Provider: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board	
Summary: The Box Flat wild dog control and coordination project is to assist landholders surrounding the Ngarkat and Billiatt landscape with coordinated control of wild dogs.	
Benefits to Industry: The SA Sheep Industry in the region will benefit by less sheep attacks/deaths caused by wild dogs, less stress on animals, landholder involvement (and implementation of biosecurity and more widespread control programs) and increase in knowledge and skills and community awareness of the sheep industry and risks that wild dogs place on that industry.	
Delivered in 2024–25: Targeted baiting across conservation and farming zones near Ngarkat and Billiatt Conservation Parks protected surrounding sheep enterprises from predation. Full baiting program was achieved with 1,680 baits across the three annual bait programs. Ongoing monitoring through the Box Flat Wild Dog Committee, helping landholders sustain effective, coordinated control programs.	
ADVOCACY AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT	
SA Sheep Industry Development	\$903,040
Service Provider: Livestock SA	
Summary: To drive the strategic development of our sector and secure the best outcomes for SA sheep producers.	
Benefits to Industry: Facilitates Livestock SA policy and advocacy efforts, enables strategic leadership and collaboration across the sheep meat and wool industry value chains, effectively manages the governance and administration of the SA Sheep Industry Fund to meet legal and government requirements and industry expectations.	
Delivered in 2024–25: SIF funding ensures producers' levies directly deliver stronger representation, governance and outcomes for the sheep sector. In 2024–25 Livestock SA completed major structural reforms – new constitution, board and committee framework, and company transition – to improve transparency and accountability. It managed \$3.8 million in industry projects, aligning all investments with the SA Red Meat & Wool Blueprint 2030. Producer priorities informed 12 formal submissions and frequent meetings with Ministers and senior government officials on issues from drought and biosecurity to land access and animal welfare. Regional Round Ups, webinars and field-day participation kept producers connected and informed, while programs like Future Livestock Leaders built next-generation capability. These efforts strengthened Livestock SA's ability to secure funding, shape legislation and deliver tangible benefits, helping ensure decisions made in Adelaide, Canberra and beyond reflect the realities of running sheep in South Australia.	

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT	
<p>Gross Margin Guide 2025</p> <p>Service Provider: Ag Excellence</p> <p>Summary: Produce an updated Farm Gross Margin Guide for use by crop and livestock producers in SA to aid their farm business planning process in 2025.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: This project makes the Gross Margins tool freely available to all primary producers throughout South Australia. It is acknowledged that although gross margin analysis plays an important role, they are only one component to overall, effective farm business decision making.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: The 2025 Livestock Gross Margin Guide was fully updated to give producers the latest costs and returns for informed business planning. The Excel-based tool helps producers compare enterprises and test seasonal or price scenarios to strengthen on-farm decision-making.</p>	\$7,000
<p>Lead Agriculture Teacher for SA</p> <p>Service Provider: AgCommunicators</p> <p>Summary: The Lead Agriculture Teacher SA project will mentor, train and support agriculture teachers to deliver innovative food and fibre curriculum that engages students.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Supported ag teachers who have the skills, networks, resources and planning to underpin successful teaching, inspired students who are engaged in best practice agriculture and help attract and retain ag teachers, who are on the front line of encouraging students to learn about ag, and then be inspired to more into an ag career.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: The Lead Ag Teacher initiative mentored 47 teachers across 32 schools and built a network of 250 educators integrating agriculture into science and technology subjects. Ten new curriculum resources were released on topics from farm safety to carbon farming. Professional-development events reached 354 teachers, while career expos connected 1,700 students with agricultural pathways. The program has directly expanded ag education across 97 schools, improving teacher confidence and awareness of career opportunities in the red-meat and wool sectors.</p>	\$76,886
<p>Promoting Resilient Rangelands</p> <p>Service Provider: Flinders University</p> <p>Summary: Regenerative grazing practices have the potential to significantly increase production in pastoral businesses. This project will identify and demonstrate tools to facilitate regenerative grazing.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: This project will benefit the sheep industry by investigating tools for pastoralists to implement regenerative grazing practices on their properties.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Tested virtual fencing and GPS grazing tools on pastoral properties to improve land condition and productivity. Results show technology can manage grazing pressure, rest paddocks and encourage pasture regeneration, leading to more feed for ewes and lambs and better wool growth. Insights into wind and water-point influences on grazing will guide future infrastructure investment. These findings demonstrate that digital tools can support regenerative practices and long-term landscape health for pastoral sheep enterprises.</p>	\$80,000
<p>WoolTag</p> <p>Service Provider: Livestock SA</p> <p>Summary: Tool Box Allowance for Learner Shearers and Wool Handlers.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: This project will benefit the sheep industry by assisting in attracting and retaining participants in the wool handling harvesting industry, to ensure there is a continuing supply of well-trained shearers, wool handlers and shedhands.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: WoolTAG continued to attract and support new entrants into the shearing and wool-handling workforce. Eighteen of 30 shearer training vouchers and four of nine wool-handling vouchers were redeemed during 2024-25. Seasonal destocking and limited shearing work reduced take-up, prompting adjustments to training options and ongoing follow-up with participants and employers. Despite challenging conditions, WoolTAG remains a key workforce pathway, providing hands-on experience and industry connections for those joining the wool sector.</p>	\$10,000

<p>SA Merino Sire Evaluation</p> <p>Service Provider: Merino SA</p> <p>Summary: Support to collect carcass phenotypes for eating quality traits (intramuscular fat % and shearforce) which are of critical importance to maintaining lamb eating quality and providing further information to inform sire selection.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: The project benefits the SA sheep industry by provision of sire evaluation results in an SA production system, maintaining the quality of Australian lamb and industry engagement and awareness.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Final report not available at the time of publishing.</p>	\$30,200
<p>AWI Extension SA Communications: 2024-25</p> <p>Service Provider: PIRSA</p> <p>Summary: AWI Extension SA (formerly Sheep Connect SA) continues to be Australian Wool Innovation Ltd.'s lead extension project in South Australia for information and skill development of wool producers. SA Sheep Industry Funds will co-fund the communication component of AWI Extension SA 2024-25, delivering timely and relevant information to SA wool producers through targeted communications</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Timely and industry relevant information being disseminated through a range of mediums reaching a large proportion of SA sheep producers; increasing producer confidence to implement positive change on-farm and industry stakeholder engagement and involvement.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: AWI Extension SA delivers timely, practical information to producers through newsletters, webinars and its high-traffic website, which records 15,000+ visits annually. Content has focused on eID implementation, sheep nutrition, and business management—helping producers navigate key changes and improve flock performance. The program remains a trusted communication hub connecting producers, consultants and researchers across South Australia.</p>	\$44,000
<p>SA Drought Hub</p> <p>Service Provider: SA Drought Hub</p> <p>Summary: Application for cash allocation from SA SIF for use with SA Drought Hub, Future Drought Fund (FDF) and associated opportunities arise through 2024-25 to 2027-28.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: The benefits of the SA Drought Hub and Future Drought Fund to sheep producers in SA is through the projects which create measurable improvement on farm.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: The Precision Sheep Management project advanced eID-based decision tools to improve productivity and resilience. Producer networks, business cases and demonstration sites are showing how data can enhance growth, fertility and wool outcomes. A new module launched in 2025 focuses on feedbase optimisation and nutrition planning, building resources and advisor skills to support drought preparedness. Together, these initiatives are equipping producers with the tools and knowledge to make more informed, data-driven management decisions through variable seasons.</p>	\$150,000
<p>Productive Legume Pastures</p> <p>Service Provider: The University of Adelaide</p> <p>Summary: Improved legume pastures (serradella, biserulla, new varieties of medic and subclover) have potential to increase pasture productivity in South Australia when managed correctly.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Maximising pasture productivity and resilience, to ensure both sufficient quantity and quality benefits overall farm productivity and profit.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Seasonal conditions delayed some field meetings, but engagement remains strong across four regions. The project is assessing legume species and management techniques to boost pasture productivity, soil nitrogen, and animal performance. Additional sessions later in 2025 will allow producers to observe outcomes first-hand and apply proven methods to lift feed quality and resilience in mixed-farming systems.</p>	\$75,000

<p>Extending Skills and Networks \$6,770</p> <p>Service Provider: WoTL</p> <p>Summary: The project provides leadership pipelines, extension of industry understanding, and builds industry networks, through scholarships at the Stepping into Leadership Program and Thriving Women Conference.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Four women will be more capable to contribute to the sheep industry and likely to continue their career in the industry.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Invested in the next generation of women leaders in agriculture. Three university students attended the Thriving Women Conference, connecting with mentors and industry networks. A leadership scholarship supported a producer from Eyre Peninsula to complete the Stepping Into Leadership Program, gaining training, coaching and mentoring. These opportunities build confidence, capability and stronger representation of women in the red-meat and wool sectors.</p>		<p>Eradicating Feral Deer from Sheep Country (Year 3) \$100,000</p> <p>Service Provider: PIRSA</p> <p>Summary: Eradicating feral deer from high-value SA sheep country using thermal assisted aerial culling over three years.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: The population of feral deer in SA is estimated to comprise around 40,000 animals; it is projected to reach 200,000 by 2032 under a 'business-as-usual' approach. The SA sheep industry will be a significant beneficiary of the eradication program because feral deer contribute to the unofficial grazing herd of sheep producers. A fallow deer stag has a dry sheep equivalent (DSE) of 1.5; a red deer stag has a DSE of 3.5.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: 1,697 feral deer were removed from the Fleurieu Peninsula, cutting grazing pressure equivalent to 2,500 sheep and improving feed availability for livestock. Since 2022, over 4,500 deer have been culled, benefiting 80 landholders directly and 100+ neighbouring sheep producers indirectly. The program continues to protect pastures, biodiversity and farm productivity through coordinated, landscape-scale action.</p>
<p>SA Sheep Expo 2025 \$18,500</p> <p>Service Provider: South Australian Sheep Expo Council Inc.</p> <p>Summary: Ensure that the South Australian sheep industry attracts young people that will engage and contribute to the long-term viability of the industry by developing industry capability and capacity.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: It is the goal of the SA Sheep Expo Council that attendees will develop a better understanding of the sheep industry and the opportunities it can offer. They will also develop enthusiasm and confidence to engage in what could be considered a buoyant and vibrant area of Agriculture.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Held 14–16 April 2025 at Adelaide Showground, the Expo attracted 120 participants under the theme "The Ewe". It gave young people hands-on exposure to animal handling, breeding and career opportunities while connecting them with mentors and industry professionals. The event continues to grow as a flagship youth development platform, inspiring future producers and strengthening industry capability across South Australia.</p>		<p>Sheep Blowfly Sterile Insect Technique – Implementation (Year 3) \$100,000</p> <p>Service Provider: SARDI</p> <p>Summary: Implementation of the Sterile Insect Technique to control sheep blowfly in a 4-year pilot project on Kangaroo Island.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Efficient control of SBF with SIT is of high value for all sheep producers (wool and meat) as all of the industry is affected by flystrike risk. SIT control of SBF will not only will reduce costs for mulesing and chemical treatments, reduce production loss and improve animal wellbeing, but it also increases the value of the wool and meat. Current costs for SBF management in SA are estimated at >60 M\$/year. For this pilot project, the benefit of SBF eradication to the island's 600,000 heads sheep industry is estimated at 88 million dollars over a 25-year period, not counting the premium value of 'non-mulesed' meat and wool and additional market access opportunities.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: This pioneering biosecurity project is developing Australia's first sterile-insect-technique for blowfly control. Pilot releases on Kangaroo Island proved feasibility, and scaling up in 2025 will increase sterile-fly output to 8–9 million pupae per week for island-wide deployment. The initiative could revolutionise flystrike management, reducing chemical reliance and improving animal welfare. Results in 2026 will inform whether full eradication is achievable.</p>
		<p>Small Projects Fund \$50,000</p> <p>Service Provider: Livestock SA (various third-party providers)</p> <p>SA Livestock Advisor Update 2024 – SA Livestock Consultants Seventy-five advisers attended the 2024 Livestock Advisor Update, gaining new decision-support tools and technical insights. Satisfaction and value scores (8.3 and 8.1 out of 10) reflect its importance in strengthening advisory capability and keeping producers connected to the latest science.</p> <p>Footrot Detection Dog Project – Joanne Griffiths & Colin Earl A trained dog successfully detected Footrot odour on infected sheep legs in controlled tests, proving the concept for using canines to assist early diagnosis and disease management.</p> <p>Disease Transmission in Heat Stress Conditions – University of Adelaide Researchers are analysing GPS and behavioural data to understand how heat stress affects pathogen spread in sheep. Findings will inform management to reduce disease risk under warming climates.</p> <p>2025 Student Compendium – Ag Institute of Australia (SA) The Student Compendium expanded to 450 entries and reached 6,400 students through media and career events. It builds the next-generation research and advisory workforce for the sheep and red-meat sectors.</p> <p>Barossa Improved Grazing Group Conference 2025 Over 90 producers and industry stakeholders attended the "Moving towards greener pastures" conference, hearing from experts on innovation, market trends and mental resilience in farming.</p> <p>Livestock Consulting Course – SA Livestock Consultants A 15-day training course combined classroom and on-farm learning for emerging consultants, covering finance, communication, lamb survival and value-based trading. It strengthened industry skills and networks across the state.</p>

Cattle Industry Fund



PROGAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	FUNDING
MAINTAINING MARKET ACCESS AND SECURING NEW MARKETS	
NLIS Cattle Compliance Program Service Provider: PIRSA Summary: The NLIS Cattle Program supports the South Australian cattle industry by monitoring and enforcing compliance with cattle identification and traceability requirements for the purpose of disease control, food safety and market access. Benefits to Industry: The program supports cattle identification and traceability standards for the purpose of disease control, food safety and market access. Delivered in 2024–25: PIRSA continued enforcing NLIS cattle traceability requirements to safeguard biosecurity and market access. In 2024–25 it audited saleyards, abattoirs and property-to-property transfers, issuing 218 warnings and 1 fine. Over 591,000 NLIS tags were purchased – a 9% increase from last year – and system transfers remained low at 2.6%. PIRSA also contributed to national traceability reforms through the Jurisdictional Traceability Working Group and the NLIS Database Uplift Project.	\$181,330
EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION	
Livestock SA Biosecurity Extension Project Service Provider: Livestock SA Summary: An engaged and united approach to ensure the livestock industry has the systems, capability, and capacity to minimise the risks of, and maximise preparedness for, endemic and exotic pest, weed and disease incursions and other emerging challenges. Benefits to Industry: Supporting producers to implement best practice animal health, welfare and biosecurity practices and realised outcomes. Delivered in 2024–25: This project strengthened biosecurity awareness and preparedness across SA's cattle industry. Livestock SA delivered practical on-farm tools, such as free biosecurity signage, to help producers manage visitor and contractor entry. Communication campaigns and advisory support promoted adoption of best-practice biosecurity plans, aligned with national traceability standards. Despite dry seasonal conditions limiting workshops, strong demand for signage demonstrated producers' commitment to protecting herd health and market access.	\$62,795
Productive Alternative Legume Pastures Service Provider: The University of Adelaide Summary: Alternative legume pastures (serradella, biserulla, newer varieties of medic and subclover) have potential to increase pasture productivity in SA if correctly managed. Benefits to Industry: Maximising pasture productivity and resilience, to ensure both sufficient quantity and quality benefits overall farm productivity and profit. Delivered in 2024–25: This project is trialling improved legume pastures to boost feed quality and soil health for cattle enterprises. Drought conditions delayed several producer field meetings, which will now occur in spring 2025 to coincide with seasonal growth. Producers will gain practical knowledge on selecting and managing high-performing legumes to increase productivity, improve nitrogen balance and enhance resilience in mixed-farming systems.	\$50,000

<p>Development of Rapid, Onsite Test for Bovine Mycoplasma Detection</p> <p>Service Provider: The University of Adelaide</p> <p>Summary: Development of a quick, reliable Lateral Flow Assay (LFA) for rapid detection of bovine Mycoplasma in cattle. The on-site test enables immediate, cost-effective diagnosis and prevents outbreaks by facilitating prompt specific treatment to reduce antimicrobial misuse and avoid resistance.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Enhanced disease management by providing a rapid, reliable, and easy-to-use diagnostic tool, the LFA will enable early detection of Mycoplasma bovis infections.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: Advanced development of a lateral-flow assay for rapid detection of <i>Mycoplasma bovis</i>. Researchers designed and commissioned monoclonal antibodies and built a field-isolate library to support test validation. The new device will enable fast, accurate diagnosis, reducing losses and improving biosecurity through early intervention. It will also support antimicrobial stewardship and innovation in livestock health diagnostics – delivering major benefits for South Australia’s beef industry.</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>
<p>BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT</p>	
<p>SA Junior Heifer Expo 2025</p> <p>Service Provider: SA Junior Heifer Expo Organising Committee</p> <p>Summary: The SA Junior Heifer Expo allows young industry participants to have access to leading members of the beef cattle industry through delivery of an education program.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: The Expo introduces young participants to beef cattle which fosters an interest in pursuing a career in the industry. Entrants develop their networks of future cattle industry contacts.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: The 2024 Heifer Expo attracted 195 participants for four days of intensive, hands-on training at the Adelaide Showground. Sessions on genetics, nutrition, reproduction and carcass quality, led by industry experts, equipped young people with practical knowledge and leadership skills. The Expo built confidence, inspired future study and employment in the beef sector, and connected youth with mentors and agribusiness leaders – building workforce capability and succession for South Australia’s red-meat industry.</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
<p>ADVOCACY AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT</p>	
<p>SA Beef Industry Development</p> <p>Service Provider: Livestock SA</p> <p>Summary: To drive the strategic development of our sector and secure the best outcomes for SA beef cattle producers.</p> <p>Benefits to Industry: Facilitates Livestock SA policy and advocacy efforts, enables strategic leadership and collaboration across the beef industry value chain, effectively manages the governance and administration of the SA Cattle Industry Fund to meet legal and government requirements and industry expectations.</p> <p>Delivered in 2024–25: CIF investment ensures producers’ levies deliver stronger representation, governance and outcomes for South Australia’s beef sector. In 2024–25, Livestock SA completed major structural reforms—adopting a new constitution, transitioning to a company limited by guarantee, and establishing a skills-based Livestock Advisory Committee to guide future investment. These changes strengthen transparency, accountability and long-term stability. The organisation represented producers on critical issues including drought recovery, biosecurity, animal welfare, and access across pastoral and outback regions. Through targeted advocacy, Livestock SA helped secure practical wins such as the Cooper Creek barge solution and continued access to interstate fodder. Producer engagement remained strong through workshops, webinars, regional Round Ups and surveys, ensuring member priorities drive future action. These efforts have strengthened Livestock SA’s capacity to influence decisions, secure funding and deliver tangible benefits, ensuring South Australian cattle producers remain resilient, profitable and heard at every level of government.</p>	<p>\$351,620</p>



<p>Small Projects Fund</p> <p>Service Provider: Livestock SA (various third-party providers)</p> <p>SA Livestock Consultants Update 2024 – SA Livestock Consultants Inc. Seventy-five advisers attended the annual update to learn new decision-support tools and research outcomes. Participants rated the event highly (value 8.15 / 10), confirming its role in improving advisory capacity and knowledge transfer to producers.</p> <p>2025 Student Compendium – Ag Institute Australia (SA Division) The Compendium connected over 6,400 students, families and teachers with agricultural careers through 17 school and career-expo events – tripling its reach. It is building awareness and pathways into livestock and agribusiness careers statewide.</p> <p>AgFest – Yankalilla District Council A targeted program for 40 producers and service providers delivered sessions on nutrition, confined feeding, and enterprise diversification. The event scored 7.9 / 10 overall, with participants reporting concrete on-farm changes.</p> <p>Livestock Consultancy Course – SA Livestock Consultants Inc. A 15-day blended training program combining classroom sessions and 10 on-farm visits built skills in communication, finance, animal health and client engagement for emerging consultants – strengthening advisory capacity for South Australia’s red-meat sector.</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
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