

Government allocates funds to help livestock industries access innovative veterinary medicines

More than \$1.7 million in grants is available through industry Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) to help livestock industries access innovative veterinary medicines.

The [Access to Industry Priority Uses of Agvet Chemicals Program](#) provides grants of up to \$100,000 for livestock industries to develop data to help register products for commercial use.

Veterinary chemicals in Australia must be registered with the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). As part of the registration process, applicants need to demonstrate that a product presents no unacceptable health, workplace, or environmental risk. This means frontline research data is needed which can be costly.

“This program can assist Australian livestock industries develop the data necessary to support registration of veterinary medicines when there is a no commercial incentive for an animal health company to register it,” AMA Executive Director Mr Stapley said.

The following Australian incorporated Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) are eligible to apply for funding under this grant program:

- Australian Egg Corporation Limited
- Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited
- Australian Meat Processor Corporation Limited
- Australian Pork Limited
- Australian Wool Innovation Limited
- Dairy Australia Limited
- Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
- Meat and Livestock Australia Limited
- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

Livestock producers are encouraged to contact their relevant RDC should they wish to be involved. Applications must be received by 15 December 2017.

“Healthy animals help improve farm gate efficiency and reduce costs,” Mr Stapley said. “Access to safe and effective veterinary chemicals is important to our livestock industries, the community and the environment.”

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[Animal Medicines Australia](#) is the peak body that represents the leaders of the animal health industry in Australia. Our member companies are responsible for a range of veterinary medicine products that prevent, control and cure disease across the companion animal and livestock sectors.