



# Livestock and Poultry Locust Spraying Issues

A coordinated control program could be conducted by the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia, to reduce the formation of large, high density swarms which, if left unchecked, could move large distances and cause widespread damage.

Landholders are responsible for the control of locust infestations that are causing damage on their own properties.

## Poultry spraying issues

- Do not expose poultry to locust sprays. To minimise risk of residue intake poultry should be locked up for 14 days after spraying to prevent access to dead locusts and minimise residue intake.
- If poultry owners are concerned about residue levels from the spraying they could get their eggs analysed at their cost (this can be expensive) at the Chemistry Centre of WA or seek the advice of the chemical manufacturer on the poultry and egg withholding times for particular chemicals.

## Over spraying sheep and other livestock

- Avoid over spraying livestock where possible.
- If livestock are over sprayed follow the appropriate grazing WHP's and ESI's. If sheep are over sprayed they should be held for 14 days before shearing.

## Insecticide control and water contamination

The chemical used for the Departmental locust spraying program is fenitrothion, which is also toxic to crustaceans such as yabbies and marron and may possibly affect the health of other fish.

People involved in the aquaculture activities need to ensure they take appropriate action to safeguard their animals.

Any dam or tank containing crustaceans or fin fish may be at risk from chemical spraying to combat locusts.

In addition, other animals like sheep and poultry can also be affected and therefore early liaison and communication with your Local Operations Coordinator and neighbours is essential.

For further information contact the Department of Agriculture and Food:

**Pest and Disease Information Service**

**Freecall 1800 084 881; Email [info@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@agric.wa.gov.au)**

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