

MEDIA STATEMENT



AMIC awarded funding for traceability study

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AMIC has received grant funding for a Pilot study into the use of electronic Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) readers in small-stock processing.

This grant is part of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's Traceability Grants Programs, which supports industry projects that will enhance Australia's agricultural supply chain traceability systems including technologies that digitise information flow.

The program also aims to increase opportunities to export Australian commodities. The Traceability Grants Program will invest \$7 million in grants over two rounds until June 2023.

This project will investigate the use of electronic RFIDs in small-stock processing plants, to investigate ways to maximise the benefits of the technology, including greater feedback to producers, increased biosecurity, and carcass tracking on plant.

There will be several phases of this study, starting with a desktop research phase. This will be carried out by a third-party provider.

This initial phase will assist in collating the valuable feedback from the Victorian processors' experience, including determining the different types of technology that have been installed, software considerations, and identifying any installation or operational difficulties.

The information gathered in the initial phase, will be used to develop a prospectus for AMIC members. Members can then apply to be involved in the pilot study phase, by providing a proposal on how they would look to maximise the benefits of RFID technology in their establishment. Applicants will be chosen based on their proposal, and approximately 6 processors of varying size will be selected.

The successful applicants will then receive funding to implement proposed projects, in three separate rounds, to coincide with funding, between August 2021 and September 2022.

The information gathered from these projects will then be analysed and outcomes and recommendations will be shared with industry.

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