

Droving stock following Cyclone Gabrielle

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Damage to roads and tracks caused by Cyclone Gabrielle means stock may have to be mustered longer distances than usual prior to transport.

Prior to mustering it is important to plan a route with adequate opportunities for stock to rest and have access to water. Take account of conditions such as uneven surfaces, river crossings and steep terrain during your route planning. If the forecast is for high temperatures, consider mustering during the cooler parts of the day.

Muster stock at a pace which matches the slowest animals in the mob. Make sure you pay close attention to any lambs and calves, and any animals with an illness or injury. Take it slow and steady.

Stock being mustered must be fit enough to walk and have adequate body condition for the planned journey.

At the end of each day mustering, animals need to be provided with suitable conditions and time to enable settling down, mothering up or seeking shelter before the onset of darkness.

If in doubt consult your veterinarian about the suitability of your animals for droving.

Take care when selecting stock for transporting, particularly after mustering long distances. Transport is stressful and it is important to ensure your animals are well rested and properly prepared prior to loading.

Check your stock on the spot, with our fit for transport app:



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