

ANIMAL WELFARE

AUSTRALIA HAS

- HIGH STANDARDS OF ANIMAL WELFARE
- A COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND MANAGEMENT APPROACH OF LIVESTOCK, NATIVE SPECIES & DOMESTIC PETS
- BEEN AWARDED THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPETENCE BY THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH



LOW INTENSITY GRASS-FED PRODUCTION

- About two-thirds of Australian beef, sheep and dairy are grass fed, and spend their entire lives grazing on grasses and pastures.



SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

- All animal industries have a sustainability plan which includes animal health and welfare. This is supported by research investment focused on further welfare improvements.



INTEGRITY SYSTEMS

- A system of on-farm assurance covering food safety, biosecurity, and lifetime traceability from paddock to plate guarantees the integrity of Australia's farming industry.
- This integrity system protects the disease-free status of Australian cattle, sheep and dairy and underpins the reputation of our products as safe and natural.
- Since 2012, the EU has undertaken five in-country audits that gave Australia a positive assessment of its meat and dairy production and animal welfare practices.



CASE STUDY



FUTURE GENERATIONS

- Robert and Melinee Leather manage a family operation across a number of properties in Central Queensland.
- The family embrace their responsibility to care for the natural resources and animals under their management for future generations.



LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

- The family breeds and farms cattle for the Organic, EU, Meat Standards Australia and Grasslands markets.
- Their cattle are finished on natural grass-fed pastures and legumes with a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability and animal welfare.



Melinee Leather, beef producer, Australia.

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IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CATTLE. WE'VE GOT TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH OF OUR SOILS, OUR PASTURES AND ENHANCING THAT FURTHER.
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