



National Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Surveillance Program (NTSESP) Criteria Form

Please submit these forms and samples to DDLS:	☐ DDLS Animal Pathology Diagnostic Submission Form and ☐ NTSESP Criteria Form					
Submission details						
Your reference				Date sent		
Submitted by						
Name						
Practice Name/District Office						
Postal Address						
Shire/town/suburb				State		Postcode
Landline			Mobile			Email
Owner details						
PIC				Trading Name		
Property Name						
Owner Name						
Property Identification Number				GPS Coordinates		
Property Address						
Shire/town/suburb				State		Postcode
Landline			Mobile			Email
Additional information required for TSE program submission						
Animal 1 Details			Animal 2 Details			
Animal 1 age (estimate in years)			Animal 2 age (estimate in years)			
Is Animal 1 homebred?			Is Animal 2 homebred?			
☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ Yes ☐ No			
NLIS			NLIS			
Select a minimum of two clinical signs consistent with TSE for each animal						
Cattle criteria			Sheep/goat criteria			
Animal 1	Animal 2	Mental status	Animal 1	Animal 2	Mental status	
		Altered consciousness			Altered consciousness	
		Apprehension			Apprehension	
		Behaviour change			Behaviour change	
		Frenzy			Frenzy	
		Moribund without infection/trauma			Moribund without infection/trauma	
		Excitability			Temperament change	
		Hesitation at doors, gates, barriers				
		Herd hierarchy change				
		Teeth grinding				

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Animal 1	Animal 2	Sensation	Animal 1	Animal 2	Sensation
		Blindness			Blindness
		Hyperaesthesia (sound, touch)			Hyperaesthesia (sound, touch)
		Hypoaesthesia (sound, touch)			Hypoaesthesia (sound, touch)
		Head shyness			Rubbing/itching
		Head rubbing or pressing			Wool loss (flank and hindquarters)
		Excessive licking of the nose or flank			
		Kicking persistently when milked			
Posture and movement			Posture and movement		
		Abnormal head carriage			Abnormal head carriage
		Ataxia			Ataxia
		Circling			Circling
		Falling			Falling
		Recumbency			Recumbency
		Tremor			Tremor
		Fetlock knuckling			Fetlock knuckling
		Paralysis/paresis			Paralysis/paresis
		Abnormal ear position			
Please confirm you are submitting the required TSE exclusion samples					
	Fresh dorsal cerebellum (Sheep only)		Fresh spinal cord (2-3 cm in length)		
	Fixed rest of brain (whole)		Other samples to support a diagnosis*		
* required if collecting extra significant disease investigation \$100 DPIRD rebate					
For details on the required brain samples, see DPIRD's Brain removal and TSE sampling guide on our website.					
TSE eligibility criteria					
1. Cattle must be at least 30 months but less than nine years of age					
2. Sheep and goats must be 18 months of age and older (preferably less than 5 years)					
3. Observed alive by the submitter					
4. Displayed at least two of the signs consistent with a TSE in that species (see lists above)					
5. No more than two animals can be submitted to the NTSESP, for this disease incident					
	Confirmation of eligibility I confirm that the animal(s) meet the above TSE eligibility criteria and all the required samples are being submitted and that all elements of this form have been fully completed.				
Signature			Date		

Please submit this completed form to DDLS, either alongside submitted samples or emailed to DDLS@dpiird.wa.gov.au. NTSESP Agreement forms can be found on the DPIRD forms [webpage](#) and once completed, can be submitted to sditseforms@dpiird.wa.gov.au

Results from the testing may contribute to DPIRD State and Commonwealth databases.