



Meat Chickens Levy Monthly Return Form

Who should complete this return form	A producer who is a proprietor of the hatchery where the leviable meat chickens are hatched in a month.
How to complete the return form	<p>Section A – enter full business name and address</p> <p>Section B – sign the declaration acknowledging that you have authority to act on behalf of the organisation, and if required, tick the box if you also declare that you have a ‘reasonable excuse’ for not providing the required levy payer information.</p> <p>Section C – enter total number and amount payable</p> <p>Section D – enter levy payer details:</p> <p>a) the details of each producer who is liable to pay the levy for the product for the return period. The total amount of levy payable for Section D should be the same as Section C.</p> <p>Sections E to I - References</p> <p>Do not complete this form if lodging return online at leviesonline.agriculture.gov.au/LRSOnline</p>
Mandatory fields	Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory fields that must be completed in accordance with the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991 and the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Regulations 1991 .
Declaration	The declaration must be signed by, in the case of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an individual – that person• a body corporate – a company director, company secretary, or a principal officer• a partnership – one of the partners or by a person authorised in writing to act on behalf of any of the above.
Due date	Return and payment must be lodged with the department within 2 months of the end of the month in which the hatching took place . Example: for the month of October, the return and payment are due by 31 December.
Late payments	Late levy payments incur a penalty calculated daily at a compounding rate of 2% each month, including penalties already accrued, until the outstanding amount is paid in full.
How to make a payment	<p>EFT (Preferred):</p> <p>Account name: DAFF OFFICIAL ADMINISTERED RECEIPTS ACCOUNT</p> <p>BSB: 092 009</p> <p>Account number: 111 700</p> <p>Reference: <i>your 5-digit LRS account number and business name</i></p> <p>Cheque or Money Order made out to: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Levies</p>
How to lodge the return	<p>Online: leviesonline.agriculture.gov.au/LRSOnline</p> <p>Email: levies.management@agriculture.gov.au</p> <p>Fax: 1800 609 150</p> <p>Mail: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Levies Locked Bag 4488 KINGSTON ACT 2604</p> <p>Note: Please do not mark private and confidential on the envelope</p>
Contact us	<p>Levies Management: 1800 020 619 (free call number)</p> <p>Email: levies.management@agriculture.gov.au</p>



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SECTION A: Lodgement details

LRS account number	Month ended*	/
<i>Your LRS account number is required for account management purposes.</i>		
ABN*	ACN*	
Full business name*		
Business address* (not a PO Box)		
Postal address*		
Phone	Fax	
Email		

Method of payment: EFT Cheque Money Order **Levy payable/paid*** \$

Date deposited: ____/____/____

SECTION B: Declaration

Declaration: I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information contained on this return form and any attachments is correct in every essential detail.

Note: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Provision of levy payer information:

It is a legislative requirement to provide, in respect of each levy payer to which the return relates, the following **levy payer information**: name, address, contact details (phone number and/or email addresses), ABN (if any) and ACN (if any). If you have **not** provided all the required levy payers' details you must declare below that you are unable to provide all or some of the levy payer information, but you have a **'reasonable excuse'** (refer to section H of this form).

Title	First name*	Last name*
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By signing this form, I acknowledge that I am authorised to sign this declaration as a director, secretary or principal officer of the relevant body corporate, a partner of the relevant partnership or am otherwise able to sign the declaration as an owner or individual authorised in writing to act on behalf of the business, body corporate or partnership as relevant.

I have **not** provided all levy payer information required under the Collection Regulations and declare that I am unable to provide the levy payer information which is missing but that I have a **reasonable excuse**.

Signature* **Date*** / /

IMPORTANT: It is an offence of strict liability under subsection 24(1) of the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991 (Act)* to refuse or fail to give a return or information that you are required to give in the Act. If you fail to provide the information required under sub regulations 10(4A) and (4B) of the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Regulations 1991* without a reasonable excuse, you may be subject to criminal prosecution.



SECTION C: Total levy amount and details

LRS Account Number

Month Ended*

Product	(i) Total number hatched*	(ii) Total number that died or were destroyed at hatchery within 48 hours of hatching*	(i) - (ii) = (iii) Number of leviable meat chickens*	(iv) Levy rate*	(iii x iv) = Total levy payable/paid*
Meat Chickens				0.2644 cents per meat chicken	

Note: GST is not applied to Australian Government levies and charges

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SECTION D: Levy Payer Details – record details of the producers who are liable to pay the levy

ABN/ACN*	Full Name of hatchery*	Business Address of hatchery (including Suburb, State and Postcode)*	Email and/or Phone*	Product*	Number hatched*	Number died or destroyed within 48 hours*	Number of leviable meat chickens*	Levy payable/paid*
				Meat chickens				\$
				Meat chickens				\$
				Meat chickens				\$
				Meat chickens				\$
				Meat chickens				\$
				Meat chickens				\$
TOTAL LEVY PAYABLE/PAID								\$

Note: The total of all levy payable/paid entered in Section D must match the total levy payable/paid in Section C.

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SECTION E: Exemptions

Levy is not imposed on:

- meat chickens hatched at a hatchery in a financial year if less than 20,000 meat chickens are hatched at that hatchery in that year.
- meat chickens that die, or are destroyed, at the hatchery at which they were hatched within 48 hours after being hatched.

SECTION F: Definitions

A producer means the proprietor of the hatchery where the meat chickens are hatched.

Chicken means a chicken hatched from an egg of a domesticated fowl.

Hatchery means a hatchery where chickens are hatched for commercial purposes.

Meat chicken means a chicken that is to be raised as a meat chicken.

SECTION G: Privacy Notice

Personal information collected on this return or in any other form supplied by you to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the Department) for the purposes of lodging a return with the Department will be treated in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* and any relevant guidelines.

Personal information

'Personal information' means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

The collection of mandatory information as denoted by an asterisk (*) is authorised by the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991* and the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Regulations 1991* for the purpose of administering the levy or charge.

If you do not provide the mandatory information requested in this form, you will be in breach of the Act and the Department may be required to take action. The Department will also be unable to administer the levy or charge if the mandatory information is not provided.

The personal information collected may include information in relation to your business, including your ABN, ACN, business name, contact person details, email address, physical address, and phone number and information about the people you dealt with in a return period.

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Disclosure, use and storage of information

The Department may disclose and/or use your personal information and those of the people you dealt with in a return period to eligible recipients, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, in accordance with the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991* or for fit and proper person assessments under the *Export Control Act 2020*.

The Department may also use your personal information to contact you to provide information relating to levies, such as when there are changes to levy rates or to administrative arrangements for payment of levies.

Your personal information will be used and stored in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles. See our Privacy Policy webpage at: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/commitment/privacy> to learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint. Alternatively, you can email the Department at privacy@agriculture.gov.au.



SECTION H: Reasonable Excuse

Ultimately, whether a person has a 'reasonable excuse' will depend on the facts and circumstances of the individual case. Accordingly, it will be important for the person to acknowledge they are unable to provide the information required by the Collection Regulations and that they have a reasonable excuse, and to keep records about their reasonable excuse.

For example, a 'reasonable excuse' to not provide the levy payer information may include that a person has put in place effective arrangements to meet legislative requirements for collecting and providing levy payer details – for example, evidenced by updated enterprise systems and/or processes; but is still not able to obtain the relevant information.

SECTION I: Levies contacts

Melbourne Office – enquiries for Victoria, Tasmania, and all wine queries across Australia

Free Call: 1800 683 839

Fax: (03) 8318 8234

Sydney Office – enquiries for Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, and Queensland

Free Call: 1800 625 103

Fax: (02) 8334 7135

Adelaide Office – enquiries for Northern Territory, South Australia, and Western Australia

Free Call: 1800 814 961

Fax: (08) 8201 6099