

# PestSmart Toolkit



The 1993 mouse plague in southern Australia resulted in costs in the order of \$65 million.

## PestSmart Roadshows

A national PestSmart Roadshow will promote the PestSmart toolkit and new pest animal control products developed by the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre.

The Roadshow will directly demonstrate the use and benefits of the new products to farmers and other land managers.

The national PestSmart Roadshow will visit every state and territory in the first half of 2012. It will be run with industry partners: Meat and Livestock Australia, Australian Wool Innovation Ltd. and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.



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Tools for  
pest management



## An information toolkit for practical pest animal management

### What is it?

The Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre (IA CRC) is developing information toolkits on best practice pest animal management in Australia.

The PestSmart toolkit will focus on strategic planning, management and control of key agricultural pest animals. The toolkit includes 'how-to' guides, case studies, fact sheets, guidelines and technical reports.



Livestock production losses in Australia due to wild dogs are valued at \$48.3 million each year.

### What pest animals are included?

The PestSmart toolkit is being developed for foxes, rabbits, wild dogs, feral cats, feral pigs, carp and tilapia. Some information on other pest animals including mice, cane toads and camels will also be produced.

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### Why do I need it?

Pest animals cost the Australian economy over \$720 million every year. Wild dogs and foxes in some areas kill up to 25% of lambs born each season. Rabbits damage grazing land and decimate native vegetation. Mouse plagues in the grain growing regions of Australia create huge damage bills for farmers.

PestSmart toolkit provides farmers and land managers with a single information resource on the key pest animals in Australia. Toolkit publications can be used individually as a snapshot of a particular control method or

## What is in the toolkit?

### General information

Pest animal fact sheets, distribution maps, image gallery

### Management information

'How-to' guides, best practice guidelines, program case studies, decision support tools

### Policy and planning information

Regional plans, policy documents, risk assessments

### Other information

Technical reports, product brochures, videos, journal articles

program, or together as a comprehensive best practice management guide.

### Where can I get it?

All PestSmart toolkit publications are available online at [www.feral.org.au/pestsmart](http://www.feral.org.au/pestsmart). Users can browse the information based on pest animal species of interest, or information relevant to different groups of people (land managers, regional/NRM managers, policy makers).