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**Department of Agriculture,  
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# Biosecurity Protection Levy: proposed rates

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The Federal Budget announcement in May 2023 indicated that the final design of the Biosecurity Protection Levy (BPL), and ongoing approach to industry engagement, governance and reporting would be settled after a public consultation process. Further information about the consultation and design are available on the department's website at: [www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-funding](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-funding)

It is intended that the Biosecurity Protection Levy would be imposed in the most effective and efficient way for each product, aligning wherever possible with imposition arrangements under the Primary Industries Levies legislation. This document provides the proposed rate of Biosecurity Protection Levy which have been communicated to relevant industry representative bodies.

It must be noted that details of each commodity's levy and charges rates would be set out in regulations and subject to consideration by the Governor-General in Federal Executive Council. The final levy rates may also be dependent on further consultation and subject to rounding.

The department will be publishing proposed rates in a staged approach. The list below is for the first tranche of commodities, we anticipate additional commodities to be added in coming weeks.

Please contact the department for further information at: [secretariatbsf@aff.gov.au](mailto:secretariatbsf@aff.gov.au)

## Proposed Biosecurity Protection Levy (BPL) Rates

Commodity	Proposed BPL Rate
Wool	0.0738% of the sale value
Vegetables (including parsley)*	0.0789% of the sale value
Meat chickens **	0.2570 cents per chicken
Pigs ***	18.5026 cents per head
Sugar cane	2.7633 cents per tonne
Table grapes	0.2555 cents per kilogram
Bananas	0.0958 cents per kilogram
Mushroom spawn	20.6155 cents per kilogram
Turf	0.5119 cents per square metre
Onions	55.8770 cents per tonne
Cherries	0.8450 cents per kilogram
Mangoes	0.1844 cents per kilogram
Honey	0.5831 cents per kilogram
Melons	0.0400 cents per kilogram
Rice	25.2025 cents per tonne
Olives	67.3398 cents per tonne
Sweet potato	0.0535% of the sale value
Ginger	0.0647% of the sale value
Tea tree oil	3.3234 cents per kilogram
Persimmons	0.3126 cents per kilogram
Chestnuts	0.5804 cents per kilogram
Grains – Maize	0.0513% of the sale value
Grains – Canary seed, cereal rye, millet, peanuts, black gram, wild cowpeas	0.0716% of the sale value
Grains – Wheat, barley, sorghum, oats, triticale, canola/rape seed, linseed/linola, soy bean, safflower seed, sunflower seed, faba/broad beans, mung beans, pigeon peas, navy/kidney/French beans, vetch, lentils, cow peas (unguiculata), chick peas, lupins, field peas	0.0727% of the sale value
Milk – Whole milk – Milk fat content	0.2841 cents per kilogram
Milk – Whole milk – Protein content	0.6923 cents per kilogram
Cotton – Cotton Fibre	60.1584 cents per 227 kilograms
Cotton – Seed cotton	\$1.0855 per tonne
Avocados – Fresh	0.2688 cents per kilogram
Avocados – For processing	0.0358 cents per kilogram
Farmed prawns	1.2488 cents per kilogram
Pineapples – Fresh	62.5736 cents per tonne
Pineapples – For processing	25.0295 cents per tonne
Lychees – Fresh	1.2718 cents per kilogram
Lychees – For processing	0.1590 cents per kilogram
Passionfruit – Packed in cartons	2.5042 cents per carton
Passionfruit – Not Packed in cartons	2.5042 cents per 8 kilograms
Passionfruit – For processing	0.1878 cents per kilogram

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<b>Custard Apples – Trays</b>	2.1399 cents per tray
<b>Custard Apples – Boxes</b>	2.1399 cents per box
<b>Custard Apples – Bulk</b>	\$2.6749 per tonne
<b>Goat fibre</b>	0.0624% of the sale value
<b>Ratite – Ostriches ^</b>	6.4909 cents per head
<b>Ratite – Emus ^</b>	10.3855 cents per head
<b>Almonds – In shell – Other than nonpareil variety almonds</b>	0.2935 cents per kilogram
<b>Almonds – In shell – Nonpareil variety almonds</b>	0.4269 cents per kilogram
<b>Almonds – Shelled</b>	0.5683 cents per kilogram
<b>Stone fruit</b>	0.2524 cents per kilogram
<b>Strawberries</b>	\$2.9478 per 1,000 strawberry runners or part of 1,000 strawberry runners (rounded up to the nearest 1,000)
<b>Rubus</b>	1.4073 cents per kilogram
<b>Papaya – Fresh</b>	0.1245 cents per kilogram
<b>Papaya – For processing</b>	0.0156 cents per kilogram
<b>Citrus in bulk (excluding oranges)</b>	\$1.2196 per tonne
<b>Citrus – Non-bulk (excluding oranges)</b>	2.4472 cents per box or container
<b>Oranges in Bulk</b>	\$0.5536 per tonne
<b>Oranges – Non-bulk</b>	1.0938 cents per box or container
<b>Apples – Fresh</b>	0.1809 cents per kilogram
<b>Apples – For juicing</b>	26.2527 cents per tonne
<b>Apples – For processing</b>	52.5053 cents per tonne
<b>Pears – Fresh</b>	0.1218 cents per kilogram
<b>Pears – For juicing</b>	16.7262 cents per tonne
<b>Pears – For processing</b>	33.4523 cents per tonne
<b>Prunes</b>	\$1.3686 per tonne
<b>Certified Pasture Seeds – Medics</b>	\$2.3857 per tonne
<b>Certified Pasture Seeds – Lucerne</b>	\$3.5786 per tonne
<b>Certified Pasture Seeds – Clovers</b>	\$3.5786 per tonne
<b>Certified Pasture Seeds – Subterranean clover</b>	\$2.6243 per tonne
<b>Certified Pasture Seeds – Serradella</b>	\$2.3857 per tonne

\* Vegetables includes artichokes, beans, beetroot, broccoli, baby broccoli (including broccolini), Brussels sprouts, cabbage, capsicums/bell peppers, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chillies, cucumbers, eggplants, English spinach, silverbeet, kale, leafy Asian vegetables, leafy salad vegetables (e.g. rocket and baby spinach), leeks, head lettuce, parsley, parsnips, peas, pumpkins, sweet corn, zucchini, all other vegetables except asparagus, garlic, onions, herbs, mushrooms, potatoes, sweet potatoes and tomatoes.

\*\* The proposed BPL for meat chickens is to be imposed on meat chickens that are hatched at a hatchery in Australia.

\*\*\* The proposed BPL for pigs is to be imposed on the slaughter in Australia at an abattoir of pigs for human consumption.

^ The proposed BPL for ratites is to be imposed on the slaughter in Australia at an abattoir of ratites for human consumption.