

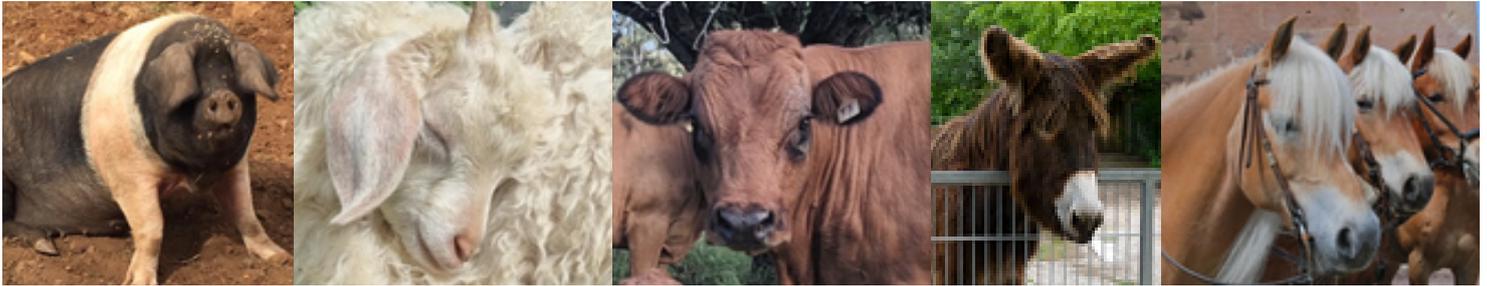
FUTURE FARMS GENE BANK

SECURING RARE LIVESTOCK GENETICS FOR THE FUTURE



What is the Future Farms Gene Bank?

The Future Farms Gene Bank is a Rare Breeds Trust of Australia initiative that funds the storage costs of rare livestock breed genetic material in industry standard facilities across Australia. The Directors of the Trust consider the conservation needs of rare livestock breeds on its Watchlists to allocate the resources needed for this action.



**“extinction
is forever”**

Why is the Gene Bank needed?

Over thousands of years an extraordinary range of domesticated farm animals was developed – an estimated 8,800 livestock breeds across 38 farmed species.

But this diversity is dwindling fast. The popularity of a small number of commercially profitable livestock breeds is now putting rare livestock breeds at risk of extinction. As the number of breeds shrink, we lose their important genetics that are adapted for local regions and conditions.

Supporting rare livestock breeds and contributing genetic material to Gene Banks, is vital to preserve the diversity of breeds that will help with securing food sources into the future. The Rare Breeds Trust of Australia supports the costs of genetic material storage donated by rare breed livestock owners across Australia as its contribution to a sustainable future.

A Gene Bank securely stores cryogenically frozen semen and embryos as insurance against disasters such as disease, flood, fire, climate change and other extinction threats.

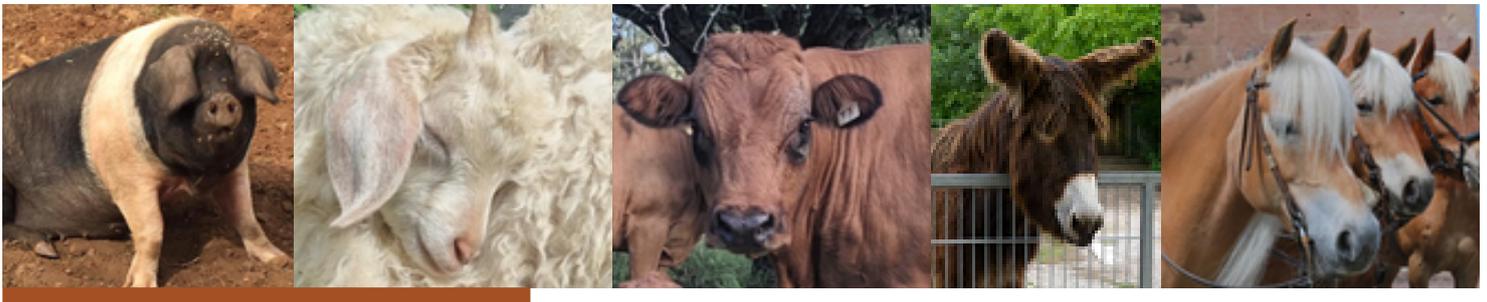
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How is it funded?

The main source of funds for storage costs is through our **annual online auction in early May**. The Trust receives no government funding, and is grateful to the many companies, businesses and individuals who donate goods and services for the auction. Want to get involved as a sponsor or bidder? Head to our website at <https://rarebreedstrust.com.au>. **One-off donations** may also be made at any time through the website. Look for the Shop | Donate menu.



What are the guidelines for genetic material donation and usage?

For donation

Contact the Trust to discuss. The Trust is keen to support as many rare breeds as possible across the species in its portfolio.

For usage

The basics:

- Semen and embryos are for use with registered pure breed females, or where there is a recognised upgrading program, they may also be used.
- The purchaser pays the costs of transport, vet fees, etc.

Contact the Trust to discuss further.

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The need for a national Gene Bank

The Rare Breeds Trust of Australia is calling on the Australia Government to urgently establish a national Livestock Gene Bank as a protection for the social, cultural, genetic and heritage values of rare breed livestock in Australia. Without a national effort, rare breeds are at risk. Economic challenges have already made themselves known, and significant introduced disease threats are looming.