

Foreword

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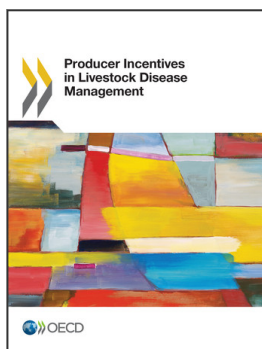
This report examines the incentives for farmers to manage animal diseases and how government policy can align these incentives with public objectives related to such risks. It discusses the role of private producers and government in the prevention and control of animal diseases. It then examines the micro-economics of disease management decisions and draws on insights from behavioural economics to better understand the influences of personal and social factors on farmer behaviour. Collective action by farmers and industry is considered, as well as the role of other food chain participants. Country case studies for Australia, Chile and Korea conclude the examination.

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