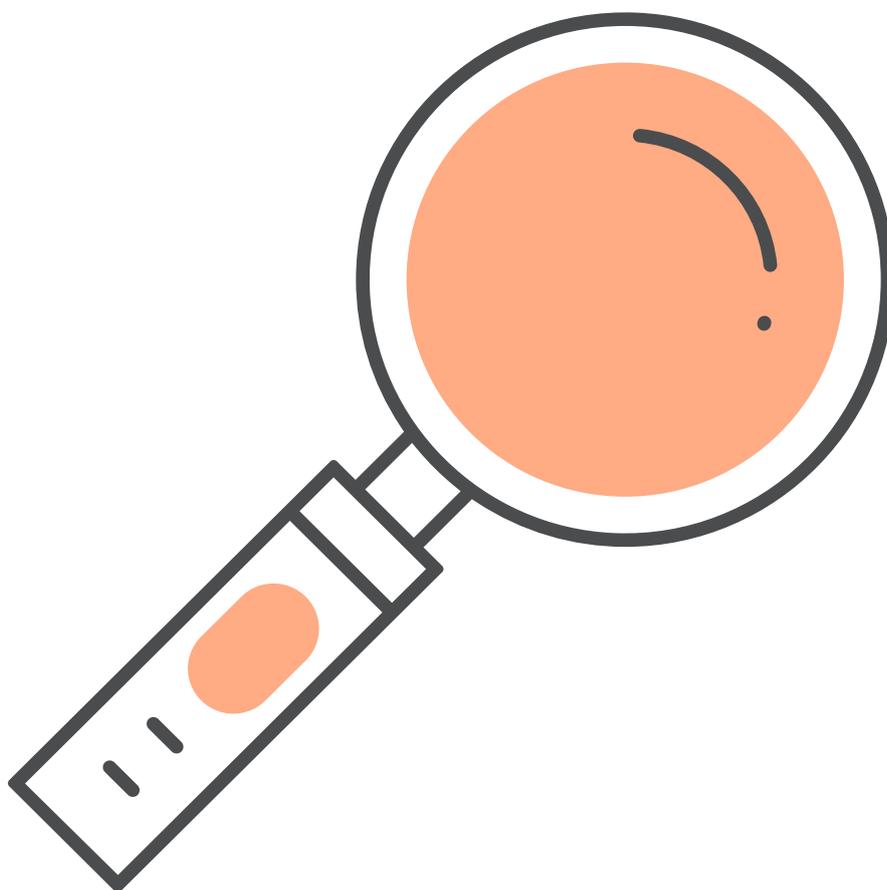


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NOTE: RSPCA Australia is opposed to the farming of ratites. See our [policy on handling, husbandry and management of farm animals](#).

NOTE: RSPCA Australia is opposed to the killing of wild animals for commercial purposes (unless this meets [specific criteria](#)) and to the farming of animals taken from the wild, due to the risk of pain, injury or distress arising from the capture, transport, handling and long-term confinement of these animals. See our [policy on the utilisation of wild animals](#).

Animal welfare considerations

- Painful husbandry practices such as toe trimming
- Handling and management of birds on farm
- Transport and slaughter method



If you have specific questions or challenges arising from your supply chain analysis, get in touch with [RSPCA Australia](#).

Ratites are large flightless birds with a flat keel-less breastbone. Ratites include emu (native to Australia) and ostrich (native to Africa) both of which are farmed in Australia.

Product range

Meat: fresh, processed, pet food

By-products: eggs, feathers, leather, oil, pet food, pet treats, skin

- For farmed emu/ostrich, what husbandry practices are carried out and how?
- For farmed emu/ostrich, what is the method of transport and slaughter?

Step one

Where is emu/ostrich meat or by-product used in your business?

- Are you using emu/ostrich meat/by-products on site?
- Are you buying in products that contain emu/ostrich meat?
- Are you buying in emu/ostrich by-products?

What emu/ostrich meat is used in your business?

- Is the emu/ostrich meat used on site fresh or value added?

Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified emu/ostrich meat/by-product in your business supply chain
- The proportions of Australian emu/ostrich meat/by-product and any imported products
- A list of all producers supplying your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, transport and slaughter methods

Step two

For emu/ostrich meat and/or emu/ostrich by-product used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the product certified by a third party?
If so, which certification program.
- Is your supplier also the producer?
If not, how many suppliers are involved in the chain back to the producer?
- What is the method of production of emu/ostrich?
E.g. indoor or outdoor production system.

Step four

Review your organisation's current supply chain to identify the animal welfare issues using the information collected from the first three steps.

Step five

Implement plan within your organisation to address the identified issues. See RSPCA Australia's '[How to develop an animal welfare policy](#)' for more information.