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Fines issued over breaches

FINES totalling \$3500 have been issued to two Gingin landowners and a transport company for breaching rules regarding manure use designed to prevent the spread of stable flies.

Raw poultry manure may only be supplied, transported, stored or used on properties during the months of June, July and August.

Those fined had transported and used it outside the permitted period.

Use of raw poultry manure in horticulture has been proven to be highly conducive to the breeding of flies, particularly stable flies, which cause distress and weight loss to livestock and annoy humans with their painful bite.

Stable Fly Action Group chairman Bob Wilson was disappointed with the breaches.

In a letter to the Shire of Gingin, however, he congratulated it on its legal action.