

# BIOSECURITY

## ...Beyond The Basics

Enhanced biosecurity protocols are program changes you may implement in your existing daily practices, or changes you deem necessary, if a disease threat is identified. The threat may be on-farm, locally or in the industry.



- Restrict access to premise with a gate or chain on main driveway
  - Clean and disinfect vehicle tires and undercarriage
  - Keep vehicle interiors clean and disinfect regularly
  - Limit visitors to essential people and ensure visitors are accompanied by a producer or staff member at all times to assist with compliance of biosecurity protocols
  - Work with young birds before older birds as a young birds' immature immune system puts them at higher risk of contracting disease
  - Change boot dip regularly and consult manufacturers directions
  - Include crossover barriers in transition areas for changing clothing and footwear
  - Dedicate premise specific clothing
  - Identify visitor parking well away from barns and outside CAZ
  - Wash hands following handling birds and upon exit from barn
  - Stock farm with disposable booties, disposable coveralls, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, disposable masks, N95 masks, disposable gloves and use them
  - Review visitor log book and visitor questionnaires to identify possible transmission threats and risks
  - Limit unnecessary traffic onto premise
  - Enhance clothing and footwear changes beyond everyday practice e.g. Use flock specific outerwear and footwear or use disposable overalls and booties
  - Launder and sanitize clothing and footwear frequently (recommended daily)
  - Clean and disinfect supply and service trucks before they arrive on premise (or before the leave if the disease outbreak is on your premise)
- Restrict pet movement between premises

*In the event a disease threat is suspected or identified, follow strict biosecurity procedures for leaving and entering the farm especially if meeting with other poultry industry members, even socially.*

*If there is a local avian disease outbreak, consult your Emergency Response Plan binder and consider the tips above. Your veterinarian may recommend additional measures to effectively safeguard your flocks and the poultry industry.*

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