

Feedlot program bio-security protocol

Protocol is based on U. S. Environmental Protection Agency procedures, Minnesota Pork Board, and Board of Animal Health recommendations.

Disease outbreaks:

- Follow all Board of Animal Health procedures and guidelines.
- Foreign Travel:
- If returning from traveling to a foreign country, do not conduct any inspections within five days of returning to the United States. Some farms may require up to 14 days downtime if a country visited has active African Swine Fever, Classical Swine Fever, or Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks.

General biosecurity:

- Call and communicate! If you are planning to visit a site, always check to see what company/farm/owner specific biosecurity measures and requirements are before the visit. If possible, ask that the bio-security measures be provided to you in writing. (e.g., Email)
- Start with clean clothing and boots since that last farm visit.
- Start with a clean vehicle since the last farm visit, including high-traffic areas of the vehicle, such as floor mats. Park vehicle on paved or concrete areas and/or away from manure storage or animal holding areas.
- Prior to moving away from the vehicle, put on disposable boots, disinfected rubber boots, and put on disposable coveralls (where applicable).
- When visiting only low-risk areas, such as offices that are located away from animal or manure areas, clean street shoes or boots are acceptable.
- When possible, before leaving the site, clean and disinfect boots or stow them away for later cleaning.
- If applicable dispose of soiled boot covers, and disposable clothing on-site if acceptable to the owner/operator. Where on-site disposal is not possible, stow away all contaminated clothing and gear for disposal back at the office.
- When visiting farms with different aged animals, move from youngest to oldest.

Swine sites:

- Know and provide last known pig contact location and date, if asked.
- Sow units may have a designated parking area and/or a clean/dirty line for any outside people. If in doubt, park at the very end of driveway (pulling in just far enough to be safely off the road).
- The facility owner/operator may require you to travel around the site in their vehicle.
- Do not plan any routine compliance inspections at sow facilities unless it has been at least 72 hours since a prior swine facility inspection; some facilities may request up to four days between inspections. (Complaint or emergency response, use best professional judgment to determine the need to be on-site at the facility to investigate).
- Do not visit more than one swine facility per day unless permission is granted by the owner of the facility.
- Do not go into barns unless absolutely necessary.
- Wash-in and wash-out as required by the owner/operator.

Poultry sites:

- Do not visit more than one poultry facility/operation (flock owner, hatchery, grower, etc.) per day unless permission is granted by the owner of the facility.
- If possible, observe a minimum of 96 hours downtime prior to conducting routine compliance inspections at any poultry farm after visiting any cattle/dairy, swine, or poultry farm. (Complaint or emergency response, use best professional judgement to determine the need to be on-site at the facility to investigate.)

Cattle/Dairy sites:

- Avoid driving or walking in livestock holding areas.
- Do not visit more than one facility per day unless permission is granted by the owner of the facility.
- Observe a minimum of 72 hours of downtime prior to conducting a routine compliance inspection at any cattle/dairy farm after visiting an infected poultry or cattle/dairy farm. (Complaint or emergency response, use best professional judgement to determine the need to be on-site at the facility to investigate.)

Additional resources

- <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-biosecurity-procedures-visits-livestock-and-poultry-facilities>
- <https://www.mnpork.com>
- <https://www.mn.gov/bah>