

Checklist to Implementing an Effective Poultry Biosecurity Plan

Implementing any of these suggestions will reduce the risk of disease entry.
Each additional step implemented will further reduce biosecurity risks.

- Restrict entry to essential personnel and record entry.
- Provide boots and coveralls for staff and visitors for each barn.
- Staff should change into dedicated/disposable boots and coveralls upon entering each different barn. Clean footbaths may be appropriate within a barn if changed regularly.
- If possible, provide shower facilities for visitors.
- Remove poultry mortality daily. Store or dispose of them in an approved method
- Ensure staff and visitors are aware of the dangers of raising or visiting other avian species and their contact with your flock.
- Minimize entry of equipment, supplies, etc. and take appropriate precautions such as disinfection, removal from shipping boxes, etc.
- Maintain a strong vector control program for insect, mammalian and avian vectors. Maintain bait stations, clean up feed spills, prevent entry by wild animals (rats, birds, insects) or pets (dogs, cats). Use screens in windows, air inlets, doors, feed bin exhausts, etc.
- Maintain minimal vegetation and no debris around poultry facilities to lessen food and shelter opportunities for vectors.
- Ensure that feed, water and bedding sources are free from infectious agents.
- Review your biosecurity plan and flock health program, including vaccination protocols, with your veterinarian on a regular basis.

*Biosecurity “Stop” signs suitable for entries are available for download and printing.
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