

10 Step Guide to Implementing an Effective Biosecurity Plan

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

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1. Quarantine replacement stock, or at least ensure that their health status is compatible with the existing herd.
2. Restrict entry to essential personnel and record entry.
3. Provide boots and coveralls for staff and visitors for each barn.
4. Staff should change into dedicated boots and coveralls upon entering each different barn. Clean footbaths may be appropriate within a barn for different rooms.
5. Provide shower facilities for visitors.
6. Minimise entry of equipment, supplies, etc. and take appropriate precautions such as disinfection, removal from shipping boxes, etc.
7. Prevent entry by wild animals (rats, birds, insects) or pets (dogs, cats). Use screens in windows, air inlets, doors, etc.
8. Use a semen supplier that routinely tests for PRRS virus and other infectious agents. etc.
9. Ensure that feed and water sources are free from infectious agents.
10. Review your biosecurity plan and herd 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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