

BIOSECURITY - ANIMALS

- Have you inventoried your animals?
- Can you identify your animals?
- Do you maintain animal health records?
- Do you have a sick animal isolation area away from other animals?
- Do you feed and treat your sick animals after healthy animal chores are completed?
- Do you change and disinfect clothes and footwear (or wear disposable boot covers) after working with sick animals?
- Do you have effective nutrition, vaccination, and parasite control programs?
- Do you quarantine new animals for at least 30 days before introducing them to your existing flock/herd?
- Do you store feed well away from sources of contamination such as fuel and chemicals?
- Do you protect feed from contamination by cat, bird, and other animal feces?
- Do you keep feed records?
- Do you use separate equipment for feed and waste handling?
- Do you locate watering areas away from potential sources of contamination such as roads and other areas accessible by the public?
- Do you have a plan for properly disposing of dead animals?
- Do you follow your animal disposal plans?
- Do you conduct routine inspections and maintenance on your fences and barns?
- Do you mitigate weed seed introduction from animal feed not produced on your farm?

BIOSECURITY - CROPS

- Do you conduct routine checks on crops to monitor for evidence of unusual disease or damage?
- Do you scout your field before harvest for bird and animal feces?
- Do you mark any feces and the splash zone area as non-harvestable?
- Do you take steps to exclude pets (dogs and cats) and other wildlife from your produce fields?
- Do you have handwashing policies for all workers and visitors entering and leaving your fields?
- Do you clean and sanitize harvest containers before each use?
- Do you clean and sanitize produce processing areas both indoors and outdoors?
- Do you store harvest and other containers off the ground and away from rodents and birds?
- If you use the same vehicles to transport produce and other farm inputs such as manure or composts, do you have protocols in place to ensure there is not cross-contamination?

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