

Sample Dairy Farm Biosecurity Self-Evaluation Checklist

Biosecurity practices for animal health management	Self-evaluation Checklist				Notes
	Always/ frequently	Some- times	Never	N/A	
When I purchase replacement animals, I know the health status of the individual animals and of the source herd.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
All newly-acquired animals or animals returning to the herd are isolated for 14 to 30 days.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Animals in an isolation area do not have direct or indirect contact (feed, water, shared equipment) with my main herd.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
The equipment used for treatment, handling and other husbandry chores in the isolation area is only used for that purpose or are cleaned and disinfected between uses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
We minimize disease spread by working with the youngest to oldest animals and healthy to sick.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
I have a relationship with a herd veterinarian.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
I have a herd health program to manage disease on my farm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
I use written treatment protocols for the management of sick animals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
I follow veterinarian and manufacturers' instructions for the handling and use of medications and vaccinations including withdrawal times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Biosecurity or restricted entry signs are posted at the entry point to our production area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
A visitor log book tracks who has been in the production area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Designated farm boots/footwear do not leave the farm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Access to the animals is restricted to only those individuals required for their care and handling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Livestock haulers are not allowed inside the facility or be in contact with cattle remaining on the farm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Deadstock pickup is away from the barn (outside the restricted access area).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Deadstock is stored in a manner which prevents scavenger access and leakage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Feed is purchased from suppliers with a quality assurance program and which follow regulations for ruminant feeds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Water is tested at the source at least annually to ensure it is safe for livestock consumption.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Soiled bedding is removed and replaced regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
There are separate tractor buckets for feed and manure and each is clearly marked.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Pest control is in place to prevent the spread of disease by rodents, birds, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
A health plan is in place for other livestock on the farm as well as pets that includes vaccination against rabies and parasite control.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Note: The above list does not contain all of the points you should consider in developing a biosecurity plan for your farm. Refer to your Producer Planning Guide for Biosecurity for Canadian Dairy Farms for additional aspects to review.