

Biosecurity Best Management Practices CHECKLIST



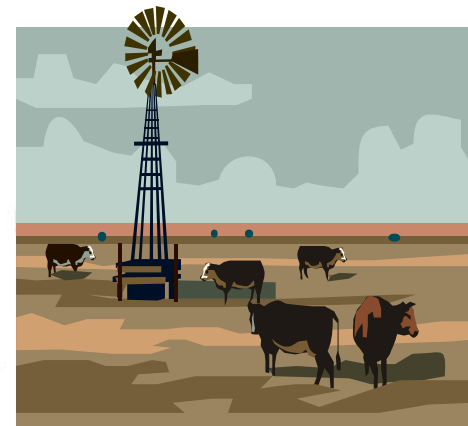
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Score the biosecurity importance of each item below using a 1 to 5 point scale. (With 1 being never implemented or never being practiced on your farm, to 5 being fully implemented or always being practiced on your farm).

FARM PERIMETER

1. _____ Work to minimize visitors and traffic on the farm.
2. _____ Limit contact between your animals and others that may present a risk of disease.
3. _____ Posted signs at the farm entrance to inform visitors to stay off your farm.
4. _____ Animal load-out and delivery facilities located at the perimeter of the farm.
5. _____ The sharing of equipment and vehicles between farms is restricted.
6. _____ Access to cattle pens, feed mixing and storage area and treatment area are limited to employees only.
2. _____ Cattle are purchased from limited sources with known and trusted herd health programs.
3. _____ Copies of vaccination and treatment records are requested for all purchased animals.
4. _____ After treating a sick animal, the equipment is cleaned and disinfected before treating the next animal.
5. _____ Animals that are not going to recover are promptly euthanized.
6. _____ All animals that die are examined by a veterinarian.
7. _____ Dead animals are promptly removed and disposed of. (e.g. render, bury, compost, burn, etc.) according to local and state laws.

4. _____ Feedstuffs are stored in a separate building from farm chemicals.
5. _____ Facilities prevent cross contamination of water, manure, feed or equipment between groups.



RECORD KEEPING

1. _____ Thorough and accurate records of animal movement are maintained.
2. _____ Vaccination and treatment protocols are reviewed with the veterinarian at least twice per year.
3. _____ Some form of a cattle identification system is in place.
4. _____ Meet all Beef Quality Assurance Good Management Practices & Guidelines.
5. _____ A biosecurity plan has been developed with input from the veterinarian.

ANIMAL HEALTH

1. _____ Livestock that have recently been acquired or have returned to the farm are quarantined for a minimum of 21 days.

WILDLIFE/OTHER ANIMALS

1. _____ Livestock are prevented from having contact with free roaming animals (e.g. dogs, cats, wildlife, etc.)
2. _____ A rodent control program is maintained.

HANDLING OF FEEDSTUFFS

1. _____ Feed deliveries are monitored to prevent the inclusion of ruminant animal proteins into cattle rations.
2. _____ Equipment is dedicated to only the handling of feedstuffs and not the handling of manure.
3. _____ Feedstuffs are used at a rate to minimize spoilage.

Score Yourself

How does your biosecurity plan rate? Add up all the points to find out your score and corresponding grade for your overall farm biosecurity preparedness.

130-120 points

A...Congratulations. You have a plan in place.

119-110 points

B...You've started thinking about biosecurity, now it's time to act.

109-95 points

C...Implement some new biosecurity measures to raise your grade.

94-80 points

D...Time to reevaluate your biosecurity protocol.

79 points and below

F...Call your vet and ask for help on developing a biosecurity plan.

