

Reduce on-farm biosecurity risks during farm visits and events

DairyNZ

Biosecurity Reference Card

1 Check before you go



Consider any recent overseas travel

If you have recently returned to NZ from overseas travel, please refer to the 'Reduce the Risk of Travel Biosecurity Reference Card'.



Consider all risk pathways for pest and disease entry

Consider if any items listed below may be potentially contaminated or pose a risk for pest and disease entry:

- Footwear
- Equipment, personal effects and clothing
- Vehicles

No untreated meat products should be fed to pigs.



Call ahead if you can to

- Inform you are on your way
- Check if there are any biosecurity considerations to be aware of
- Check if there is any on-farm PPE or equipment that can be used to reduce risk



Keep spare clothing in the vehicle for possible contamination event

2 When you arrive at the farm



Arrive in a clean vehicle and park where you can keep it clean

- Use the designated parking area on-farm where possible
- Park vehicle to minimise contamination where possible (low-risk zones of farm, i.e. driveways or areas with no stock access)



Clean footwear on arrival

- Remove any dirt/organic matter from footwear
- Wash footwear
- Disinfect footwear



Sign in on arrival

- Ensure you, other visitors or event attendees sign in
- Familiarise yourself with the farm's visitor requirements



Use clean equipment, personal effects and clothing for your visit

- Use PPE provided on-farm where possible
- Ensure your own PPE is cleaned between farms

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3 During the farm visit or event



Follow all visitor and biosecurity instructions during the visit

Avoid any areas of the farm that are not necessary for the purpose of the visit, particularly high-risk areas like calf sheds during calving.

Avoid handling any animals on-farm if possible.



Wash your hands

Wash and/or sanitise hands, particularly if you have been in contact with animals during the visit.



Report anything unusual

If you spot anything unusual during your visit (e.g. animal health, plants or insects), report to the farm manager/host.

If you have concerns, call the local vet or call the MPI pest and disease hotline on 0800 80 99 66 or report it online at mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity

4 At the end of your visit



Self-reflection and assessment

Did you

- See anything unusual and report it?
- Come into contact with, or become contaminated with risk items (animals and their faeces, blood, saliva etc.)?



Leave behind site-provided PPE

If you have used farm provided PPE (footwear, overalls etc.) ensure these are left at the site for cleaning.



Clean equipment, PPE and personal effects

Spray and wipe down any equipment, PPE and personal effects (i.e. mobile phones) and remove PPE that may have been contaminated during your visit.



Clean footwear at end of visit

- Remove any dirt/organic matter from footwear
- Wash footwear
- Disinfect footwear



Sign out at the end of the visit

Ensure you, and other visitors or event attendees, sign out after the visit or event.



Clean clothing

If no contamination occurs during the visit, clothes should be washed (recommend hot wash cycle) and dried at the end of the day/week. If clothes are contaminated/dirty from the visit, change into spare set of clothing (kept in the vehicle) before visiting another farm.