

BIOSECURITY COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR GRAZIERS



WHO TO TALK TO	WHAT TO DISCUSS	WHEN TO TALK	WHY
FARM TEAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create overall plan with staff so all on the same page • Develop new SOPs with staff • Discuss “What ifs” and contingency plans 	Before grazing begins – at least 2 weeks before arrival of grazing animals to allow for ideas to be implemented	Common goals including healthy well fed stock, less stress, preparedness for Mycoplasma bovis incursion
NEIGHBOURS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of all boundary fences • Plan for escaped cattle, where to put them • Use of shared yards - expectations 	ASAP - NOW	Common goals including less stress, avoidance of misunderstanding, preparedness for M bovis incursion
HERD OWNERS AND AGENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly recommend a meeting with all herd owners, the grazier, possibly vet/biosecurity expert and mediator if necessary • Arrival/departure, NAIT compliance, cow health planning (no arrivals of sick/skinny/lame; plan for new health issues) • Transport – full loads, improved hygiene may need to be driven by herd owner demand • Plan to do as much as possible at home to avoid use of shared yards (eg. tagging, vaccinating, drenching) 	ASAP - NOW	Common goals – organised plan that works for everyone as much as possible, cow welfare considered, contingency plans for problems that may arise
TRANSPORT OPERATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning of arrival/departure • Expectations around hygiene, biosecurity • Multiple herds, backloads, multiple trucks • Demand for improvements may be driven by herd owners because they are paying the bill 	ASAP	Consumer drive
VETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check biosecurity plan and provide expertise • Provide guidance on animal health questions and queries • Establish a good relationship now 	ASAP	Expertise to assist with planning and make the job easier and results in a more effective plan
OTHER CONTRACTORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations around biosecurity • Planning and consideration of yard use, use of vehicles, etc 	One month prior to their presence on farm	Maintain biosecurity