

Biosecurity Recommendations for Beef Shows and Event Exhibitors

Before the Event

What to Know

- Event specific exhibition requirements
- Animal movement requirements for interstate movement if you will be showing out-of-state.
- Obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, aka "health paper")
- Discuss the risks with your herd veterinarian
- Your animals normal feed and water intake and manure consistency

What to Do and not to Do

- Clean and disinfect any equipment you will be bringing with you
- Stay home if you or a family member is experiencing signs of the flu
- Bring only healthy animals
- Do not share a trailer with animals from different premises

At the Event

Do not share equipment, tools, or supplies with other exhibitors unless cleaned and disinfected between users.

Avoid using common water troughs.

Cover feed and equipment.

Limit contact and co-mingling with cattle from different herds.

- Limit nose to nose contact
- Stagger stalling to allow space between exhibitors

After the Event

Change all clothing before returning home; disinfect boots/shoes.

Discard feed, hay and bedding.

Isolate for 30 days and observe animals after returning home for signs of illness.

Do not share equipment, tools, or water sources with animals that stayed home.

Clean and disinfect all equipment you took to the show using approved disinfectants.

- Remove all organic matter such as hay, feed, and manure prior to disinfection
- Clean and disinfect vehicles and trailers upon arriving home

If an animal becomes sick at the event

Report sick animals to show organizers.

Follow biosecurity protocols:

- Isolate from other cattle and people traffic
- Interactions with animals should be limited to those caring for the animal
- Those caring for the animals should limit exposure to other animals
- Use proper personal protective equipment (gloves, coveralls, boots/shoes, etc.)



- Wash hands frequently
- Do not share equipment and supplies between sick and healthy animals



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