

Biosecurity Recommendations For Organizers of Beef Shows and Events to Reduce Disease Transmission

Before the Event

Work with State Animal Health Officials and State Public Health Officials on requirements.

- Provide the most current Federal and State requirements for animal movement to potential exhibitors prior to the event

Collect contact information for state animal health officials and local or state public health officials to ensure that they can be reached if they are needed during the event.

Have local veterinarian on premises for the duration of the event.

Collect contact information from all exhibitors to be able to rapidly communicate information prior to, during, and after the event.

Develop and share the event biosecurity plan with exhibitors.

This plan should include:

- Limit the co-mingling and nose to nose contact of cattle from different herds
- Stagger stalling to allow space between exhibitors
- Prohibit shared water troughs between farms

Should an animal show signs of sickness or disease:

- Develop protocols and PPE recommendations for those caring for sick animals
- Establish an isolation area away from other animals and the public

Ensure handwashing stations are present and fully stocked with supplies (soap, water, towels) near the exit of the animal exhibition areas.

Develop signage to remind the public and exhibitors of proper and recommended biosecurity.

During the Event

Communicate with all exhibitors at the start of the event.

- The Biosecurity plan
- Specific actions to take should an animal become sick

Clean and disinfect equipment frequently and remind exhibitors to do the same.

Post signs near the entry and exit of the exhibition areas to remind visitors.

- Food and beverages in the barn are prohibited
- Contact with animals is prohibited
- Wash their hands after leaving the animal area

Consider closing areas of the barn during high animal traffic times (during shows) and allowing spectators to view these events from designated areas.



After the Event

Develop a communication plan should an animal that was on exhibition show signs of illness within a week after the event.

Thoroughly clean and disinfect the exhibition area.

Thoroughly clean and disinfect the barn area.



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