

# Veterinarian Recommendations

## For All Livestock Exhibitors

1. Segregation – Prevent contact of your livestock with other animals.
2. Restrict use of feed, equipment, and trailers to your animals.
3. Do not remove feed/bedding from the Fair. Equipment used at the Fair should be cleaned and disinfected.
4. Notify a veterinarian immediately if an animal becomes sick.
5. Isolate animals returning home for 30 days.

## BIOSECURITY CHECKLIST FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

- Monitor visitors to your animals and farm, especially if they have traveled outside the country.
- Make sure all veterinary health inspections and certificates of veterinary inspection are current for all animals you will take to the Fair.
- Follow the Fair vaccination guidelines and give recommended vaccination at least 10 days before the event.
- Disinfect all equipment, such as buckets, shovels, wheelbarrows, manure baskets, lead ropes, show box and so forth before entering the fairgrounds.
- Don't share equipment with other exhibitors unless it has been cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- Eliminate traffic between exhibitors of different species (especially sheep and cattle). If it is not possible to eliminate this traffic, change clothing and disinfect hands before handling a different species.
- As much as possible, minimize feed and water changes from home to Fair.
- Keep unused equipment and feed bagged or covered to reduce the risk of contamination.
- Vehicles and trailers used to transport animals to and from the Fair should be well cleaned and disinfected, inside and out, between uses.
- Do not mix species in the same trailer. Avoid commercial haulers with multiple animals from multiple farms.
- Clean and disinfect all items at the end of the Fair before taking them home.
- Properly dispose of unused bedding, hay and feed after the Fair. Do not take it home.
- Minimize stress by keeping animals cool, well bedded and comfortable.
- The person caring for animals at the Fair should not perform animal-related chores at home. If the same person must do both, chores at home should be done first. Garments should be cleaned and disinfected between each trip to the Fair and barn/pasture.

## AFTER THE FAIR

- Keep Fair animals isolated from other animals and pets for at least 30 days.
- Check these isolated animals every day for any signs of illness. Contact a vet if you see any unusual symptoms.
- Care for isolated animals separately. Change clothes and clean and disinfect your boots before going to other areas of the farm.