

BIOSECURITY - Bird Flu and Farm Visitors

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This Bird Flu webpage from Cornell University contains some good advice to help prevent the spread of Avian Influenza and procedures for visitors to your farm including the following check-list. Post this for your visitors.

If you are visiting a poultry farm, follow these procedures:

- * Do not enter any farm premise without permission from the owner.
- * Stay on designated walking paths. NEVER enter a pen with live animals.
- * Whenever possible, make an appointment prior to traveling to the farm.
- * Wear clean clothes and shoes on the day of the visit and clean and sanitize footwear in-between farm visits.
- * When you arrive, park your vehicle at the end of the farm drive or on the roadside and use your cell phone to notify the owners of your presence and to receive instructions for entry. Or, set up an appointment ahead of time.
- * Let the farm owner know if in the previous five days you have been on another poultry farm or if you've had contact with wild birds. Also let them know if you personally own or care for birds or poultry.
- * Observe all of the farm's instructions regarding biosecurity procedures.
- * Do not enter animal housing areas without express permission from farm owner.
- * Do not touch animals unless that is part of your tasks on the farm.
- * Immediately report anything unusual to farm owner, especially sick or dead birds.

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