

Resources and Recommendations for Cattle Producers

Beef cattle producers often have on-farm biosecurity practices in place to maintain the health and safety of their herds. By working collaboratively with tour hosts, producers can work to create a tour plan that complements these pre-existing protocols. If no biosecurity measures are in place on the operation being considered for a tour, planning for visitors is an ideal opportunity to increase awareness of biosecurity practices and implement them on-farm.



Recommendations for Producers

Before the Tour

Producers should work collaboratively with tour hosts to develop a tour plan that meets their operation's biosecurity requirements.

Requirements

Communicate important information about their operation to the host organization including:

- Requirements for maintaining biosecurity protocols on their operation.
- Any recent disease outbreaks that may pose a risk to visitors or other operations.
- Areas of their operation that visitors should avoid.
- Any information that should be collected from visitors, including their potential [risk as a visitor \(Appendix H\)](#) and if they have visited other operations.

Recommendations

Review the tour schedule and route with the host organization to identify any biosecurity risks and address them accordingly.

Review the visitor list and [determine if any should not participate](#) in the tour based on recent contact with livestock or the reportable disease status of the country they are visiting from.

Become familiar with [additional biosecurity resources](#) for beef cattle producers.

Recommendations for Producers

During the Tour

Producers should guide visitors through the tour of their operations.

Recommendations

Describe the operation's biosecurity protocols and why biosecurity is important to them.

Remind visitors to avoid areas that are not suitable for the tour due to higher biosecurity risks.

Recommendations for Producers

After the Tour

Following the tour, producers should be diligent with cleaning protocols and monitoring their herd for any health status changes.

Recommendations

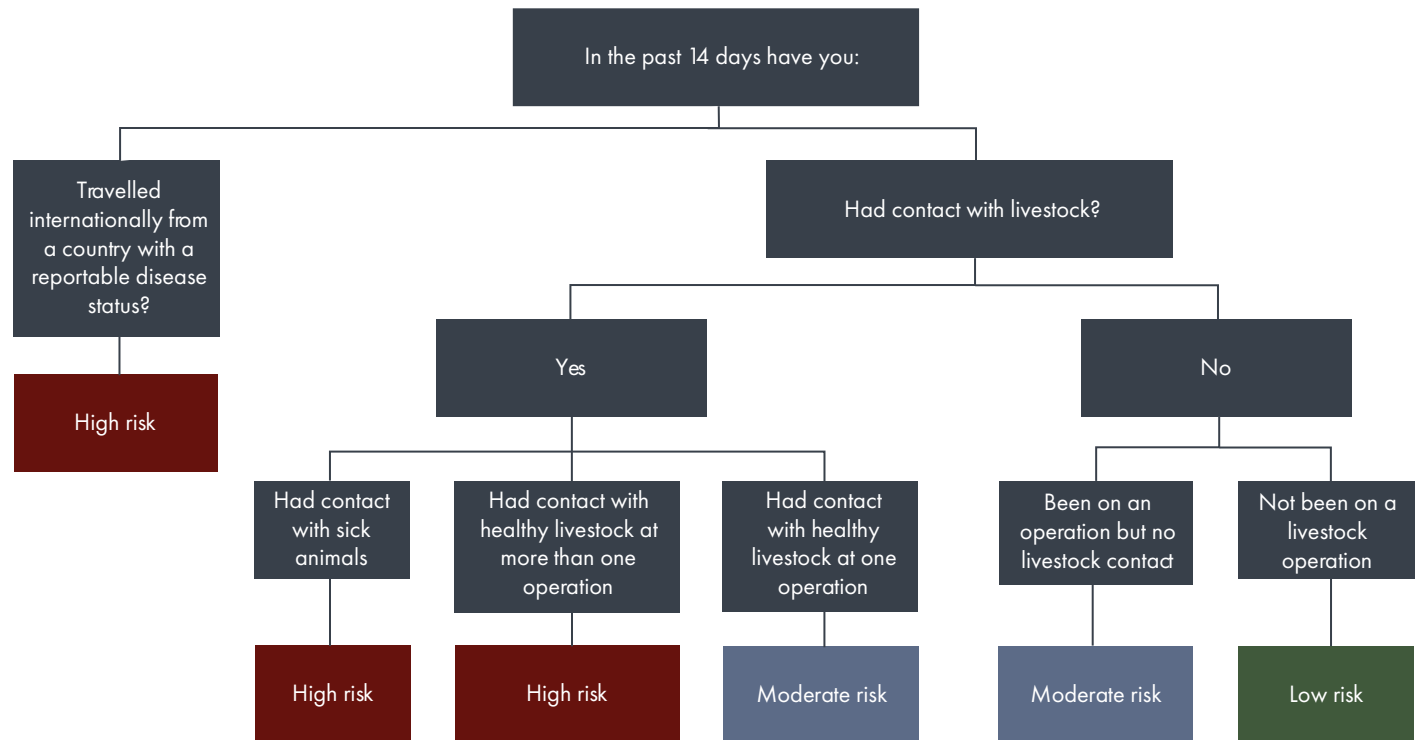
Wash any solid surfaces where the bus or visitors may have brought in mud or objects that could carry disease from outside the operation.

In addition to regular herd monitoring, conduct additional health checks on groups that may have had contact with tour visitors.

Ensure that the list of visitors is accurately reflected in the operation's biosecurity visitor log.

Appendix H

Farm Visitor Level of Risk Decision Tree



Appendix I

Preparing For Visitors: Biosecurity For Tours of Beef Cattle Operations

Visit <https://www.beefresearch.ca/tour-biosecurity> to download this resource page as a PDF.

PREPARING FOR VISITORS: BIOSECURITY FOR TOURS OF BEEF CATTLE OPERATIONS

A minimum biosecurity standard protocol ensures that farm operation tours remain safe for human and herd health and protect the national cattle industry from foreign animal diseases. Additional protocols may be required for tours that involve higher risks associated with visitors or level of animal contact. Host organizations, producers and visitors should collaborate to determine which protocols are necessary when planning for the tour.

Minimum Biosecurity Protocol

Hosts Will



Provide essential communication and education to visitors about maintaining biosecurity.

Producers Will



Advocate for their operation's biosecurity requirements.

Visitors Will



Arrive in a vehicle with a clean exterior (bus or personal).



Wear recently laundered clothes and clean footwear. If footwear is not clean, boot covers must be used.



Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the tour.



Thoroughly clean clothes and boots after the tour.



International visitors should avoid livestock for 14 days.

Possible Additional Protocols

- Visitors complete a farm visitor survey to assess potential risk factors.
- Restrict visitors from countries with certain reportable disease statuses.
- Plan a tour route with a clear order of tour areas to minimize disease risk.
- Implement any additional protocols to complement the specific tour.

Access more resources:



[BCRC Biosecurity webpage](#)



[Farm Tour Biosecurity Guidelines](#)

