

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.

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