

TOUR SMART: BENEFICIAL PRACTICES FOR BEEF OPERATION TOURS

Why is Biosecurity Important on Farm Tours?

Farm tours are excellent learning opportunities commonly utilized in the beef industry. To protect the national cattle industry and individual herds, following biosecurity practices is essential.

Before the Tour

- Review all biosecurity resources provided by the host organization.
- Choose clothing that is clean and has not been worn around livestock previously. **Properly clean and disinfect** any clothing or footwear previously worn around livestock.
- If required, complete a farm visitor survey provided by the host organization.

During the Tour

- Avoid contact with livestock unless necessary.
- Leave unnecessary items on the bus.
- Leave any out-of-country food at home.
- Ask questions and have fun!

After the Tour



General Visitors

- Clean and disinfect clothing, footwear and any equipment used on the tour.
- Monitor your personal health following the tour.



International Visitors

- Avoid livestock contact for 14 days.
- Declare farm visits at any border crossings.
- Follow the destination country's quarantine requirements and entrance guidelines.
- Do not bring food products into the destination country.

Cleaning & Disinfection



Step 1: Dry Removal

- Physically remove organic matter.

Step 2: Wet Cleaning

- Use detergent with water and scrub.
- Items can also be professionally professionally dry cleaned.

Step 3: Drying

- Allow all surfaces to dry completely.

Step 4: Disinfection

- **General:** Use hypochlorite 0.01-5% (bleach) with the recommended contact time.
- **Advanced:** Use an oxidizing agent 0.2-3% with the recommended contact time.

Read the full guide on the [BCRC website](https://www.bcrc.ca/visit)

