

Info Sheet

Veterinary Services

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Biosecurity Checklist for Pigs with Outdoor Access

Practicing biosecurity mean doing everything you can to reduce the risk of an infectious disease coming onto your farm. Good biosecurity practices also help keep disease from spreading on the farm and can help make illness less severe. All farms should have a customized biosecurity plan. Consider the points below when developing or evaluating your plan. Work with your veterinarian, extension agent, or State Veterinarian as needed. In your plan, show who is responsible for each action.

Questions	Yes	No	N/A	What Needs To Be Fixed?
Pigs and Feed Areas				
Are sleepers dry and free of manure and				
urine?				
Is there a buildup of manure in the pig area?				
Does stored manure leak towards the pig				
area?				
Are weeds in and around the pig area tall (6				
inches or more)?				
Are fences intact – do they keep pigs in and				
feral pigs out?				
Do pigs have unneeded access to surface				
water such as streams/ponds?				
Is the trough water clean and free of				
mosquito larvae?				
Is surface water used as pig drinking water				
or used to clean the pig area or equipment?				
Are there any dead animals in the pig area?				
Are carcasses there for more than an hour?				
Are dead animals removed, covered or put				
in a sealed container with no leakage				
towards the pig area?				
Does water pool anywhere on the farm, such				
as in puddles, trash, buckets, or in debris?				
Are rats, raccoons, opossums, skunks, mice				
or other wild animals seen in or near pig				
area? Do you see evidence of those animals?				
Are wild birds/wild waterfowl in the pig				
area? Do you see evidence of birds?				
Are there moderate to many flies or				
mosquitoes in and around the farm?				
Is feed stored in a covered, rodent-proof				
bin?				
Is there spilled feed around the feed bin				
area?				

Line of Separation	
Is there a clearly marked and visible line of	
separation showing what's inside or outside	
the pig area?	
Do feed delivery, dead stock hauler, and	
garbage pick-up trucks deliver or pick up	
away from the pig area, outside the line of	
separation?	
Do non-farm workers cross the line of	
separation in pig loading areas?	
Are boots and coveralls provided for	
everyone inside the pig area?	
Is there a footbath available at the line of	
separation?	
Does the footbath appear clean, recently	
changed, and not frozen?	
Has all equipment used in the pig area been	
cleaned and disinfected in the past week?	
Has everyone in the pig area not been	
around other pigs in the past 12 hours, are	
they wearing coveralls and footwear capable	
of being disinfected, and did they use the	
footbath before entering and when leaving	
the pig area?	
Isolation Area	
Are new pigs kept in isolation for 30 days?	
Is there dedicated equipment, coveralls and	
boots for use in the isolation area?	
Is the isolation area clearly marked, with	
signs and visible barriers?	
Does the isolation pen drain away from	
resident pigs?	
If any pigs traveled off the farm, were they	
put in isolation for at least two weeks upon	
return?	

For more details, see 8 Essential Actions to Protect Pigs with Outdoor Access from Disease or Biosecurity Pigs with Outdoor Access Factsheet