

From the Desk of the DairyDoc

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Practical considerations for Increased Biosecurity Measures on the farm

The following information is sourced from the [NMPF FARM Biosecurity website](http://www.nmpf-farm.com).

The NMPF FARM Website provides an extensive library of practical resources for dairy farmers, ranging from Animal Care, Environmental Stewardship, Antibiotics Stewardship, Workforce Development and **Biosecurity**. This means that when animal health officials recommend stepping up on-farm biosecurity measures, it would be highly recommended to visit this site and revisit what specifically this could mean for your farm and for a particular situation.



There are two specific resources available to farmers:

1. [Everyday Biosecurity Reference Manual](#)
2. [Enhanced FARM Biosecurity resources](#)

Many everyday biosecurity best practices, including for example, vaccines and utilizing different equipment for manure and feed handling, are already being performed on your farm. The Enhanced Biosecurity for the Secure Milk Supply Plan provides the tools and protocols necessary to develop an enhanced biosecurity plan to prepare for a specific disease outbreak, beyond the everyday biosecurity measures. It would be a prudent exercise to review specifically the recommended practices against your farm's implemented protocols and practices to see where you may be able to adjust your protocols for a given situation. Reviewing these with your managers and training your employees on the why of these practices would be the next step. Ownership's involvement is critical for adoption.

Everyday Biosecurity review steps:

Step 1: [Movement Risks and Biosecurity](#)

Step 2: [Self-Assessment Checklist](#)

Step 3: [Everyday Biosecurity Plan Template](#)

In addition, there is an extensive list of [other resources](#) available including:

- People Entry Log
- Vehicle Entry and Delivery Log
- Herd Health Plan Protocol Template – Biosecurity
- Cattle Routes of Exposure and Disease Examples
- Group Training Record

Signage (some in English and Spanish):

- Stop – Biosecure Entry Point Clean Boots & Clothing Required
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment – Clean and Disinfect
- Do Not Enter – Milk Collection Occurring
- Entry Permitted – Milk House Cleaning and Disinfection Complete

Producers are encouraged to review, adjust and adopt their current practices and policies with these standards.

