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## BIOSECURITY MEASURES FOR POULTRY EXHIBITORS

### CRITICAL ADVICE FOR POULTRY EXHIBITORS

- Only take healthy animals to shows or fairs.
- Quarantine new or returning birds from home flock for 30 days and monitor for signs of illness.
- Perform home flock chores first. Use separate equipment, footwear, and clothing for quarantined birds.
- Provide disinfectant footbaths and disposable boot covers for anyone having contact with your flock.
- Wash hands before and after coming into contact with poultry.
- Isolate sick birds and contact a veterinarian about them.
- Clean and disinfect equipment regularly.
- Vaccinate for relevant diseases.
- Minimize stress for birds at home or away.
- Provide excellent nutrition and clean water at all times.
- Emphasize sanitation and keep premises clean.
- Monitor all flocks for increased mortality or clinical signs consistent with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and report any concerns immediately.

### Additional Biosecurity Recommendations

- **Checklist after a Fair**
  - Take fair clothing and footwear home in a plastic bag; launder and disinfect promptly.
  - Keep show birds separate from their home flock for 30 days after returning from a fair.
  - Do home flock chores first or designate one person to do the chores for returning birds and another person for the home flock.
  - Use separate footwear, clothing, and equipment for the home flock and returning birds. Wash hands between both groups.
  - Do not allow exhibitors to handle another exhibitor's birds without permission and without washing hands or changing gloves before and after.
  - Do not allow exhibitors to share equipment.
  - Watch returning birds closely for signs of illness; call a veterinarian to discuss any concerns that arise.

- **General Biosecurity**
  - Thoroughly clean and disinfect equipment often.
  - Do not visit other poultry farms.
  - Do not wear farm clothing or footwear off the farm.
  
- **Cleaning and Disinfection**
  - Thorough cleaning and disinfecting are important aspects of biosecurity. A veterinarian or Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services representative can recommend the most appropriate disinfectant to use. Follow these steps for effective disinfection:
    - Thoroughly clean and disinfect cages, feed and water bowls, and any other equipment used during the fair.
    - Cleaning means removing all visible debris (manure, bedding, dirt, feathers, feed, etc.).
    - Thoroughly clean all surfaces with soap and water.
    - Rinse well and let dry.
    - Apply an appropriate disinfectant at the proper concentration for the recommended contact time.
    - Rinse and let dry before using equipment or restocking premises with birds.
    - Store equipment where it cannot become contaminated with bird or rodent feces.
    - If you have questions regarding avian health, please contact your local veterinarian.

### **Additional Resources**

- If you have any other questions, please contact the FDACS, Division of Animal Industry, at (850) 410- 0900. Please visit our website for additional information regarding Avian Influenza and the requirements for moving poultry into the state at [www.FDACS.gov/AvianInfluenza](http://www.FDACS.gov/AvianInfluenza)
- USDA Avian Health resources <https://tinyurl.com/y8cegflb>
- Center for Food Safety and Public Health Poultry Diseases, Resources, and Biosecurity <http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Species/poultry.php> <http://poultrybiosecurity.org/>
- For more information regarding reporting sick domestic birds, please visit: [Report Sick Birds](#).
- To report sick or dead wild birds, please visit: [www.MyFWC.com/bird](http://www.MyFWC.com/bird).