

Biosecurity for livestock sales and markets

The following are recommendations for sales and markets to maintain a biosecure environment.

General recommendations

- Have a biosecurity plan in place to prevent the spread of disease.
- Maintain accurate records to ensure state animal health officials can track and respond to disease outbreaks involving animal movements.
- Train staff in biosecurity protocols and ensure they wear market specific footwear and change out of their home footwear when they arrive at work.
- Maintain fences, gates and signage to clearly designate off-limits areas and keep visitors and attendees out of animal holding locations.
- Clearly direct the flow of traffic to unloading areas, loading areas, and general parking.

Livestock recommendations

- Always maintain a clean source of water available to all animals to reduce stress.
- Clean and disinfect animal handling equipment between groups of animals.
- Separate and refuse entry to any animals appearing sick and house them in a pen away from healthy animals while they await veterinary inspection.
- Plan for handling any livestock deaths and ensure rendering companies are aware of biosecurity procedures.
- Clean and disinfect areas where sick animals are kept after the sale concludes.