

Tips to keep your animals healthy during show season

Pre-show

Practice Good Biosecurity on your farm

- Contact your veterinarian to ensure that any necessary vaccines, dewormings and paperwork, including certificates of veterinary inspections (CVIs) are completed before you leave
 - Visit the exhibition's website for a list of health and documentation requirements
 - Ideally vaccines are performed at least 14 days prior to an event
- Do not share equipment or other supplies and ensure to disinfect all supplies and equipment before leaving home, including trailers
- Limit visitors to your property and avoid visits to facilities or farms with other animals during show season
- Wear designated, clean, disinfected clothing and footwear when caring for your animals to reduce the risk of contaminants
- Practice pest and rodent control
 - Keep areas that house your animals clean
 - Keep feed covered and clean up spills

Monitor your animals before the show, especially those you plan to take

- Monitor for at least 14 days prior to show
- Watch for changes in food and water consumption which can be an initial indicator of illness
- Monitor for any potential clinical signs including respiratory signs, diarrhea and lethargy
- Isolate sick animals from the rest of your herd and tend to them last
- Report any clinical signs noted to your veterinarian
- **REMEMBER ONLY HEALTHY ANIMALS CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SHOW, IF ANY ANIMALS IN YOUR HERD OR FLOCK ARE SICK, DO NOT ATTEND THE SHOW. YOU WILL BE SENT HOME IF YOU BRING ANY SICK ANIMALS**

At the show

- Keep your pens and feed/water supplies clean. Do not share equipment with others unless it has been cleaned and disinfected between uses.
 - Clean and disinfect all equipment that was at the show **before** returning home
- Limit direct contact with other animals at the show. If it's unavoidable, wash your hands and shoes after
- Wash hands often and especially after handling animals or cleaning their pens
- Monitor all animals on site for any clinical signs. Observe your animals several times throughout the day
- **If you see something in your animal or any other animals, notify the superintendent and the onsite veterinarian immediately for next steps to be determined.**

Post show

- Isolate animals that were at the show for 30 days before returning them to the herd.
 - Tend to these animals after caring for the rest of your herd.
 - Monitor for any signs of illness. Contact your veterinarian if anything arises.
- Clean and disinfect footwear worn at show.
- It is recommended that exhibitors themselves wait at least 14 days before attending another event