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Recommended minimal animal health biosecurity measures for fair managers to consider for livestock exhibition events

Please remember that E. coli 0157H7 infections can be spread by contact with animals. Hand washing stations should be available wherever human-animal or animal waste contact is possible. Signs directing people to those locations are appropriate

Each fair should have a designated veterinarian in attendance or on immediate call.

Recommend to have cattle vaccinated against respiratory diseases 40 to 60 days before exhibiting.

Designated veterinarian should inspect all classes of livestock and poultry, upon arrival, to determine that they do not show clinical signs of contagious disease or ectoparasites.

Designated veterinarian should reject any animal with signs of infectious or contagious disease or ectoparasites. Exhibitors should be made aware that ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, sore mouth, lice and mites fall into these categories.

Animals showing signs of disease during the course of the event should be isolated by the designated veterinarian and removed from the exhibit area as soon as possible.

The designated veterinarian's professional decision regarding the health status of an animal must be final and upheld by the fair or event board.

Whenever possible house cattle and sheep in separate barns. If separate barns are not feasible, then housing cattle in pens that are at least 30 feet from any sheep pen and located in such a way that air currents may not travel from the sheep and/or their pens toward the cattle and/or their pens.

Wash-racks, show rings and loading and unloading equipment should not be shared between cattle and sheep. If this is not possible, then we recommend disinfecting racks and loading equipment after sheep use and before cattle use. Another alternative would be to exhibit cattle at least one day before exhibiting sheep.

Sincerely,

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