



Best Management Practices for Farm Visitors

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Vehicles and Equipment:

- Arrive with clean and disinfected equipment and vehicles.
- Park vehicles in clean dry area away from livestock.
- Park vehicles as close to farm perimeter as possible.
- Make deliveries and pickups as close to farm perimeter as possible.
- Encourage producers to make the above possible.
- Avoid driving vehicle far onto farm premise and through mud, manure or feedbunks.
- Clean and disinfect before or after leaving premise and before entrance to next farm.
- Disinfect upon arrival at the farm.
- Prevent storage and loading area from being contaminated.

Personnel:

- Conversations and interactions should be held totally away from farm structures (office).
- Avoid animal contact completely if possible (stay in milkhouse, parlor or shop).
- Do not walk in manure and feedbunks (especially if footwear has become soiled).
- Plan, create and follow a route considering the above for repeated trips.

Clothing and Footwear:

- Arrive with clean clothes and footwear (don't forget caps, gloves etc..).
- Wear farm clothing over street clothes, such as coveralls. Change them between farms.
- Footwear should have a smooth non-porous surface for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Have disposable, plastic boots on hand for those visitors that do not have footwear that can be disinfected.
- Clean and disinfect before or after leaving premise and before entrance to next farm.
- Disinfect upon arrival at the farm.

General:

- Share sound verifiable information. **Do not let rumors get out of control!!!**

To create a disease prevention herd plan, consider enrolling in the NYS Cattle Health Assurance Program. For more information visit <http://nyschapp.vet.cornell.edu> or call NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets at 518-457-3502.