



New York State Cattle Health Assurance Program

Test Your Farm's Biosecurity



Preventing Disease from Entering a Livestock Operation		<i>Points</i>
<i>Award yourself 0 points for NO answers and 10 points for YES answers</i>		
Have purchased livestock been inspected and vaccinated and do they have health records?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you segregate purchased or returning livestock from the main herd for 21–30 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you discourage all non-essential visitors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do essential visitors disinfect footwear and have clean outer clothing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have an area separate from the main animal facilities for parking vehicles?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are vehicles that enter the farm clean and disinfected (livestock hauling vehicles, rendering trucks, feed dealers, veterinarian, AI tech, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you protect against manure entry onto the farm by way of vehicles or other farm manure, municipal waste or poultry litter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Total Points for Preventing Entry of Disease

Preventing the Spread of Disease in Livestock Operations		<i>Points</i>
<i>Award yourself 0 points for NO answers and 10 points for YES answers</i>		
Are facilities large enough, well ventilated, well bedded, clean, dry and free of manure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are different age groups housed separately?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do livestock have access to adequate and clean feed and water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you use separate equipment for working with feed and manure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is equipment used for livestock clean and disinfected between animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are sick livestock separated from all other livestock on the farm operation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you work with livestock from youngest to oldest to sick?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are livestock health managed with consultation from attending vet for health and vaccination protocols?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Total Points for Preventing Spread of Disease

Ensuring Environmental Stewardship and Product Quality <i>Award yourself 0 points for NO answers and 10 points for YES answers</i>		<i>Points</i>
Do you plan manure spread to avoid water courses and high runoff conditions (i.e. heavy rainfall)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you minimize potential manure runoff from barnyards, manure storage areas and spreading sites?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you dispose of milk house waste in an environmentally sound manner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are household and barnyard wells sealed to prevent contamination?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are all livestock uniquely identified and records of treatments maintained to avoid residues in milk or meat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have written standard operating procedures for milking to ensure quality milk?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are facilities constructed so that livestock do not injure themselves?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are disabled, non-ambulatory or livestock in poor condition euthanized on farm rather than entering the human food chain?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Total Points for Environmental Stewardship and Product Quality

So, how well did you do??

Add up your points per area, then total the points of all three areas.



Did your score fall between 0 and 60? You need help. Drop everything, run to the phone and call your veterinarian to help you develop a biosecurity plan.

Did your score fall between 60 and 180? You are doing some things right, but could stand some improvement. Look to your separate areas and no answers for direction.

Did your score fall between 180 and 240? You deserve a ribbon. You are doing well, but you must maintain your diligence and always look for ways to improve.

