



# PROTECTING YOUR FARM

Biosecurity is about reducing the risk of diseases, weeds or pests entering, spreading, or leaving your farm.

## Protecting profits

Disease outbreaks, new pasture pests and weeds can have serious long-term financial impacts.

## Protecting health

Some diseases can be passed from animals to humans. Biosecurity planning helps protect the health of your stock, family, farm team, and visitors.



### **Disease status of new stock is considered carefully before animals are bought or moved**

Ask questions about animal health, TB status, vaccinations, disease and treatment history.



### **Biosecurity signs are clearly visible and easy to follow**

Include the name and contact phone number of the farm owner/manager to make it easy for visitors to contact the right person.



### **Visitors arrive with clean equipment, clothing and footwear and disinfect upon arrival**

Provide a scrubbing brush and water and a disinfectant spray or footbath for visitors.



### **Boundary fences are secure and prevent nose-to-nose contact with neighbouring stock**

Avoid grazing boundary paddocks when neighbour's cows are grazing the adjacent paddock - or create double fencing or outrigger fences.



### **Young calves are given special protection**

Only allow essential people into the calf shed.

Have a separate set of farm clothing and boots to use around calves - clean these regularly.



### **Potential weeds and pasture pests are identified and prevented**

Check with your regional council and the agpest website for advice and information.

Check that feed sourced from off-farm doesn't contain seeds of weeds new to your farm.



### **Animal pests are controlled**

Keep areas around buildings free from clutter and long grass.

Store feed securely.

We welcome your feedback. Please contact Katherine DeWitt on 021 244 5905 or [Katherine.DeWitt@dairynz.co.nz](mailto:Katherine.DeWitt@dairynz.co.nz) with any comments or suggestions.

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