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Biosecurity



protect your animals and produce from pests and disease

Equipment Biosecurity

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Biosecurity is very important because you get the best production and therefore the best economic return from animals that are well looked after and healthy. It's also good for the welfare of the animals and sick animals can pose risks to you and your family.

There are several things that farm owners can do to protect their biosecurity when it comes to equipment. Most importantly they should clean any animal equipment including horse gear and other animal handling equipment, secure feed bins, check socks and boots, clean clothes and washing and disinfecting hands. Most disinfectants don't work well in the presence of dirt and a lot of organic material, so to effectively disinfect equipment etcetera it's important that it be thoroughly cleaned first, if not the disinfectant just won't work properly.

If a land holder suspects something unusual in his stock and he is worried about an exotic pest or disease or a biosecurity lapse it's most important they ring the disease hotline, which is 1800 675 888 or contact their local state agricultural or primary industries department. There are a couple of sites for getting more information on biosecurity www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity and also www.farmbiosecurity.com.au