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protect your animals and produce from pests and disease

On Farm Biosecurity

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On farm biosecurity are the measures that an individual grower or farmer might take to protect himself from any new exotic pests and diseases but also to minimize the impact of what might already be on a property. On farm biosecurity is important because it allows a farmer to grow what he wants where he wants to grow without the impediment of pests and diseases. It can minimize the impact of pests and diseases so optimized yield and therefore optimize the economic return from their crop.

Some of the simple steps that landholders can take to promote good biosecurity on their property include things like closing gates, inspecting their crops regularly to check for signs of disease. If they have animals on the property make sure that they check them for any pests and diseases, cleaning machinery, cleaning boots so not walking from diseased areas to clean areas, making sure hands are clean, dirty hands can transmit viruses. Making sure that things like bins and boxes that come onto properties are clean and that if you're getting boxes back that they've been cleaned as well.

If there's an exotic pest incursion in the country we expect landholders to listen out for announcements from their local department of primary industry. They should regularly check websites both primary industries and also their industry website. They should call the 1800 084 881 number if they see something unusual so that it can be responded to quickly. They should obey all movement restrictions or other regulation quarantine that's in place and they should report immediately any plants that have signs of disease.

For more information on farm biosecurity you can go to the DAFF website www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity or to the specific farm biosecurity site www.farmbiosecurity.com.au