

Poultry Producer Biosecurity Self-Evaluation

What is your biosecurity score? Use this check list to evaluate your operation's rating.

A. Give yourself 5 points for each "yes" answer in this category.

- My poultry ranch has no material contact with any other company / premises.
- There are no gamefowl within 1 kilometer of my poultry ranch.
- There are no other poultry ranches or aviaries within 1 kilometer of my poultry ranch.
- There are no free-roaming chickens in my poultry ranch's neighborhood.
- All vehicles entering my poultry ranch have at least the wheel wells and tires sprayed with Disinfectant, and if drivers must exit the vehicle, are required to wear disinfected footwear.
- My poultry ranch does not share materials or equipment with another poultry ranch.
- Poultry waste is never brought to my poultry ranch.

Total score for this category (number of boxes checked) X 5 _____

B. Give yourself 4 points for each "yes" answer in this category.

- Access to my poultry ranch is controlled by a fence and gate, allowing entry to be monitored.
- My poultry ranch is an independent entity, not one of multiple ranches under the same ownership / management.
- My poultry ranch has a health surveillance and vaccination program supervised by a qualified veterinarian.
- My poultry ranch does not conduct retail sales, so the public has no entry to my ranch.
- Product (birds or eggs) leaving my poultry ranch never return from a processing plant.
- Any visitors allowed on my poultry ranch are required to wear protective clothing, including footwear.
- Employees on my poultry ranch are required to wear clean dedicated clothing and footwear that is worn only on the premises.
- My poultry ranch consists of a single flock (all in, all out).
- Service crews on my poultry ranch are required to wear clean clothing dedicated to this ranch, including footwear.
- All employees and managers undergo biosecurity training annually.

Total score for this category (number of boxes checked) X4 _____

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C. Give yourself 3 points for each “yes” answer in this category.

- My Poultry housing does not allow entry of wild birds.
- I routinely use the laboratory for monitoring my flock’s health.
- I never allow return of egg flats or other materials from processing plants back onto my farm unless they have been thoroughly inspected for complete cleaning and disinfection.
- Birds are monitored daily, and dead and sick birds are removed from poultry buildings on a daily basis.
- Poultry production and mortality records are reviewed frequently, so I can quickly be apprised of potential health problems.

Total score for this category (number of boxes checked) X 3 _____

C. Give yourself 2 points for each “yes” answer in this category.

- I have a good and documented rodent and insect control program on my poultry ranch.
- Mortality is stored in covered containers off of the premises.
- Trucks delivering feed to my poultry ranch are cleaned and disinfected at the feed mill, and they do not deliver feed to another ranch prior to mine.
- Delivery of replacement stock is dedicated to my ranch only, and not split between my ranch and another that is not under my management.

Total score for this category (number of boxes checked) X 2 _____

C. Give yourself 1 point for each “yes” answer in this category.

- Perimeter of buildings are cleared down to bare dirt to prevent rodent harborage.
- People and material traffic patterns are designed such that cross contamination between “clean” and “dirty” areas is eliminated.
- I keep a log of all visitors to my premises.
- My poultry houses are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after “push-out”, and are left empty for at least 7 days prior to introduction of the new flock.
- I regularly attend continuing education meetings to learn more about disease control.
- Each house on my poultry ranch has only one age group.

Total score for this category (number of boxes checked) X1 _____

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Total score for Evaluation: (Total of all categories) _____

What is your biosecurity score? Any score less than 100 means that you are at risk, and bear in mind that this is not a complete listing of the risk factors that may be present on your particular poultry production unit.

On a disease prevention basis, if your score is 80 or better, you're doing pretty good. A score between 70 and 79 means you're doing OK. Any score less than 70 means you should think really hard about what you can do to improve your biosecurity.

If you would like some help in evaluating your biosecurity, contact the commercial planning and intelligence unit at the Central California Incident Command Post in Modesto, and we will be happy to perform a biosecurity evaluation of your premises.

We would also appreciate any comments that you may have regarding how we can help you in a material way.