



Biosecurity for Manure Handlers

- Arrange ahead of time to meet the owner, manager or a representative of the facility at an appointed time and place. Schedule the initial meeting **away from the premises** if possible. If an on-premises visit is required, discuss what biosecurity procedures are to be followed, number of personnel to be included, purpose of the visit and the specific areas to be entered.
- Enter through an access point that keeps you from driving in areas where animals are kept. While on the farm, **keep vehicles and equipment away from livestock areas**.
- **Don't enter or approach livestock areas or utility buildings**, or leave your work area, without prior approval by an authorized farm representative or unless accompanied by an authorized farm representative.
- Don't leave the work area without **proper protective attire**.
- Put on **clean coveralls** for each premises. Keep coveralls in a plastic bag until use, and put used coveralls in a closed container and launder them in hot water and bleach before reuse.
- Ask the owner, manager or authorized representative to provide a **water source** for disinfecting boots and equipment. This should be away from livestock facilities.
- **Bins or buckets** and brushes used for disinfection need to be **void of organic matter** including dirt, manure, mud, dust, hair and feathers.
- **Brushes** used for disinfection need to be good quality, with stiff bristles.
- Wear **rubber boots** that don't have deep treads. Plastic slip-on covers or other disposable boots aren't recommended. **Disinfect** when you arrive and before you leave for the day.
- **Follow manufacturer's instructions** when mixing disinfectant. Use **warm to hot water** if possible. Clean boots of all organic matter first, and then disinfect.
- After disinfection, put boots in your vehicle, allow them to air dry at 70 degrees F. for at least 15 minutes between premises.
- **Pressure wash and disinfect** equipment, tires and vehicles before entering and leaving the premises.

