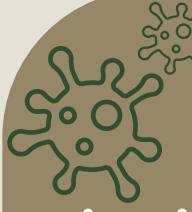


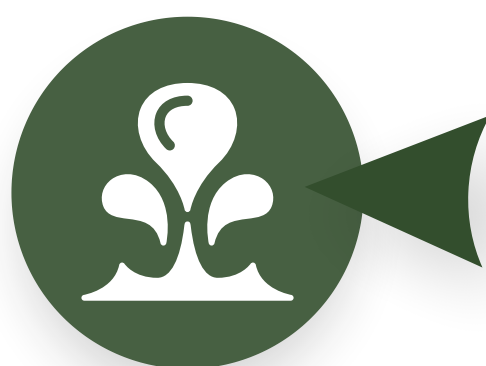
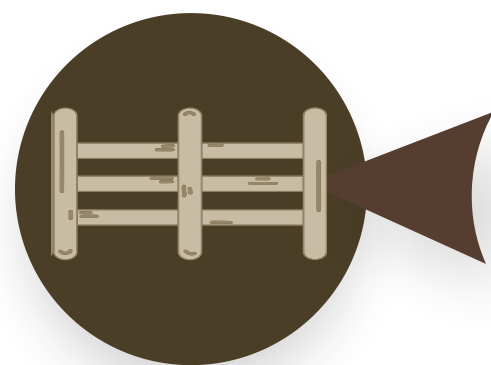
BIOSECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MIXED ANIMAL DAIRIES

MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF BIRD FLU

DEFEND YOUR HERD

 Cross-species disease transmission is the most significant cause of new diseases in humans and animals. You can protect your herd, family, and community from new diseases by limiting cross-species contact on your farm.

Have dedicated hospital pen workers who understand how to enter and exit the pen in a biosecure way and who do not handle healthy dairy cows.



Dedicated Farm Hands

Have farm hands dedicated to only ONE animal species or have them shower between handling different species.

Species Separation

Keep different species separated and prevent them from having nose-to-nose contact through distance or a barrier.

Raw Milk Management

Clean milk spillage as they happen and do not feed raw milk to other animal species on the farm, like cats.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DIFFERENT ANIMALS

- Pets such as cats and dogs should not have direct access to the animals on the farm and should not be allowed to eat dead wild birds.
- Working farm dogs should not have access to dairy areas especially, hospital pens.
- Maintain rodent and pest control year-round including bait station monitoring and filling. Cover feed bins and clean up cow feed spillage regularly.

WILD BIRDS

- Wild waterfowl such as ducks and geese, can carry avian influenza viruses with no signs of illness. Increase your biosecurity measures during the fall migration season.
- Discourage wild birds by using predator decoys and draining excess water sources during migration season.

GENERAL BIOSECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Train employees to report suspicious signs of illness in animals on your farm.
- Power wash and disinfect trailers before and after farm entry. At minimum, disinfect vehicle tires.
- Limit or prohibit non-essential farm visitors and manage essential facility traffic.
- Regularly (daily if possible) maintain footbaths and place at all farm entry points especially, milking barns.

MOOSIC IN THE BARN

Specific types of music are scientifically proven to decrease stress levels in cattle. Lower levels of stress in your cattle allows their immune system to function at its best.