

WHAT IS A SMALL FLOCK BIOSECURITY (SFB) PLAN?

Protect your flock

- + A biosecurity plan is designed to help you, as a flock owner, implement procedures or protocols to help minimize the risk of disease in your flock. It is tailored to your farm. The program is voluntary and provides an opportunity to prepare ahead of time for a disease outbreak.

PRACTICE BACKYARD BIOSECURITY

Preparedness

- + Prevent domestic poultry and waterfowl from being exposed to wild waterfowl.
- + Clean and disinfect equipment and cages that have traveled off your farm before using again on your farm.
- + Avoid visiting farms or other households with poultry.
- + Quarantine new birds for 30 days from the rest of your flock.
- + Always buy birds from a reputable source.



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BIOSECURITY RESOURCES

Resources for completing a SFB Plan can be found online at agriculture.mo.gov/biosecurity.

- **Movement records:** animal, visitor, vehicle and equipment logs
- **Biosecurity forms:** employee and visitor agreements, cleaning and disinfection inventory log
- **Disease monitoring plans:** daily observation log and emergency plans
- **Standard operating procedures:** establishing and operating the cleaning and disinfection station
- **Training logs:** group training records and individual training records.
- **Signs and posters:** biosecurity signage in both English and Spanish
- **Biosecurity plan template for small flocks:** Click on Secure Poultry Supply Plan.

Getting Started

To learn more, visit agriculture.mo.gov/biosecurity.

Maintaining Business Continuity

During a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak such as avian influenza (AI), regulatory officials may have to impose restrictions such as requiring movement permits for animals and animal products.

Movement permits may be easier to obtain if you have a completed Small Flock Biosecurity (SFB) Plan. MDA advises producers to complete specific actions before a disease outbreak. Creating a biosecurity plan will include these key steps:

1

Request or validate your Premises Identification Number (PIN) from the Missouri Department of Agriculture and verify your data includes a valid 911 address.

2

Develop a site-specific, biosecurity plan. The biosecurity list will be needed for permitted movement in and out of a control area.

3

Keep accurate and updated records. Documents may be requested by animal health officials to help trace disease movement throughout the state, protecting you and your fellow producers.

4

Explore Disposal Methods.

Animal disposal can be complex in mass mortality situations. Planning ahead for acceptable disposal methods is critical.

5

Review and update your Small Flock Biosecurity Plan and all of its elements annually.

HOW CAN YOU VOLUNTARILY DEVELOP A SMALL FLOCK BIOSECURITY PLAN?

Contact the MDA Animal Health Division to request a Premises Identification Number (PIN) at (573) 751-3377, or visit agriculture.mo.gov/biosecurity to register online.

Visit the Secure Food Supply webpage at agriculture.mo.gov/biosecurity to develop your flock's biosecurity plan using the available materials.

Questions?

Contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture at (573) 751-3377 or poultry@mda.mo.gov.

