

# **Biosecurity Measures for Manitoba Water Stewardship Employees**



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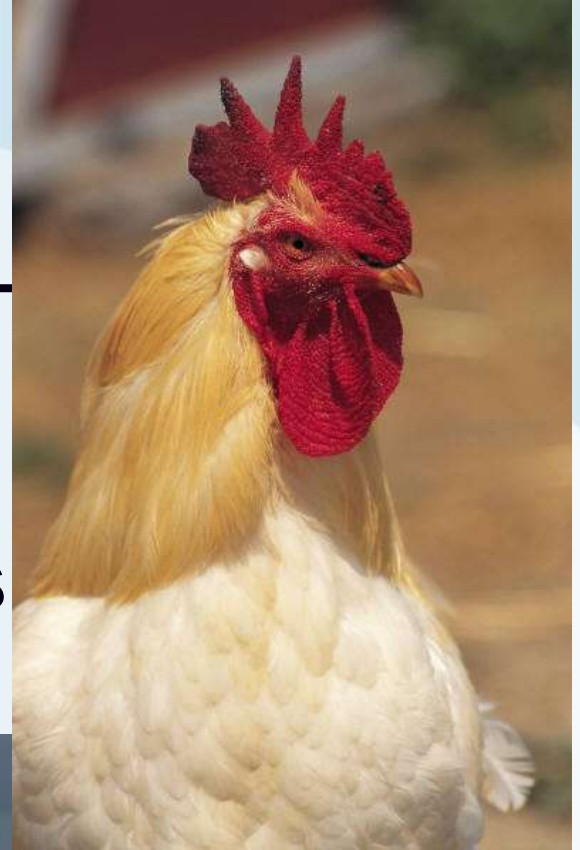
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# Purpose

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To assist producers in preventing the movement of disease-causing agents within or beyond the farm gate.



# Background

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**The Water Quality Management Section does not routinely visit farms.**

**For the vast majority of situations, access to a barn is not required.**



# Basis of Development

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**Existing biosecurity protocols have been developed by:**

- **Keystone Agricultural Producers;**
- **Manitoba Conservation;**
- **Manitoba Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Initiatives**

**Manitoba Water Stewardship  
have examined others  
policies as a starting point.**



# Common Elements of Biosecurity Protocols

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**Ensure that farm visit is required.**

**Contact the landowner and request information regarding specific biosecurity protocol for the operation.**

**If possible, only inspect one facility per day.**

**Park at least 100 metres away from the barn.**

**Check in with farm personnel on site.**

**Wash vehicle after each inspection.**



# Common Elements of Biosecurity Protocols (Continued)

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**Use new disposable plastic overshoes.**

**Use disposable or freshly laundered coveralls.**

**Staff to create biosecurity kit for vehicle.**

**Equipment used by staff should be washed and disinfected after use.**

**Staff should document times and dates of facilities inspected.**



# Common Elements of Biosecurity Protocols (Continued)

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## Field visits

### ➤ Example: soil sampling in potato fields

⇒ Observe MAFRI standard operating procedure for using a disinfection kit on potato farm calls to control bacterial ring rot.



# Next Steps

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**Manitoba Water Stewardship will be in contact with other Branches to discuss the development of a biosecurity protocol.**



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# Thank You

