

# BIOSECURITY

Biosecurity is the responsibility not just of the Show Society but also the exhibitors bringing in their animals to participate/ exhibit in events.

Agricultural Shows are particularly exposed to a biosecurity hazard due to the high congregation of animals and the geographical spread of the animals coming into the grounds. There is also the large contact from patrons and the shared facilities/feed/water where the animals are housed or exhibited.

A separate risk management plan is required to ensure both animals and humans are protected from disease or infection.

## **Show Society Responsibilities**

- Ensure there is a responsible person assigned the role of Biosecurity Officer
- Ensure the stabling/pens are completely cleaned prior to the event and put a disclaimer in the entry information for the exhibitor advising it is their responsibility to maintain clean practices
- Consider suitable systems for waste management/disposal
- Strict access pathways for patrons and exhibitors to limit foreign contact
- Develop a map of the location and identify waste/water/cleaning facilities and exits
- Put barriers around the waste disposal area
- Ensure there is plenty of signage in the area to educate patrons and exhibitors on biosecurity
- Cordon off an area to be used to quarantine any infected animal if necessary.

## **Exhibitor Responsibilities**

- Only take healthy animals – sign healthy animal disclaimer
- Don't share equipment, water or bedding
- Audit check the cleanliness of the stabling before placing stock there
- Ensure updated information in the NLIS form
- Manage the removal of waste for their own animals
- Regularly inspect their animals for signs of illness
- Isolate any animals showing signs of illness and notify the Biosecurity Officer immediately
- Isolate returning stock to the farm for adequate time to assess if any disease has been contracted whilst at the Show.

Additional References:

[www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements](http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements)

[www.lbn.org.au](http://www.lbn.org.au)

[www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au](http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au)