

How's my biosecurity? (farmers)

External

Do you buy-in stock?

Do you isolate bought-in stock?

Do you test bought-in stock?

Do you ask to know the disease status of bought-in stock?

Do you have contact with other farm's stock?

Do you have neighbours with stock?



Land

Are your fences stock-proof?

Are your fences capable of keeping your stock away from next-door's stock, so preventing nose-to-nose contact?

Have any livestock broken into OR out of your farm in the recent past?

Do you lease or rent out land?

Do you use commonage?

Is your farm a single parcel of land or does it consist of multiple parcels of land?

What water source is used for livestock (surface water, rivers, etc)? Is it shared?



Other sources

Do you share machinery with other farms?

Do you share transport with other farms?

Do you share breeding bulls with other farms?

Do you bring stock back from shows or marts?

Your farm staff? Do any of them have stock at home?

Do you take slurry from other farms to spread on your land?

Do you share colostrum with other farms?

Do you share equipment such as dehorning crates, shearing equipment, hoof clippers?



Hygiene

Do you disinfect your nose tongs, dehorner, hoof knives and other equipment regularly?

Do visitors dip their feet? (including vets, AI techs, dairy techs, etc)

Are post-mortems done on all/some/none of animals that die?

Are bloods taken from aborting cows?

How soon after a dead animal is discovered, is it disposed of? What method?



Hygiene (contd)

Does your stock regularly cross yards / roadways that are accessible to the public?

Are teat-bottles and buckets disinfected after each calf feeding?

Are drinkers, troughs, water bowls cleaned regularly?

Do you restrict the access of any contractors (silage, building, etc) you employ?

Do you have bird/rodent control in place?

Management

Are different age-groups of stock mixed together on your farm?

Do you use AI?

Do you keep a list of visitors to your farm?

Do you buy “springing” cows?

At what age are calves tagged?

Are separate shovels and forks used for feedstuffs and manure?

