



How Microbes Travel

Disease organisms get to other farms by one of the above ways 90% of the time.
Break the cycle.

ISOLATION AND SANITATION PROCEDURES

1. The area around the poultry houses should be fenced and the gates locked. Only authorized personnel should have keys.
2. Ban all visitors to immediate vicinity of poultry flocks.
3. Service personnel should decontaminate between visits to each farm. This necessitates a change of clothing, boots, etc.
4. Feed trucks and drivers are another potential source of spreading disease. Delivery personnel should never enter the poultry house.
5. Wild or free-flying birds can be carriers of some diseases and may be mechanical vectors of others. All poultry houses should be bird-proofed.
6. Rodents may be carriers and/or mechanical vectors of disease. A good rodent-control program should be maintained at all times.
7. Service crews, vaccinators, debeakers, etc. and their equipment should go through decontamination procedures between farms.
8. All equipment brought onto a farm from the outside should be decontaminated.

9. Insects can be either sources or mechanical carriers of disease.
Adequate insect control programs should be maintained.
10. Dogs, cats, and other pets should be kept away from the immediate vicinity of poultry houses.
11. Adequate facilities for disposing of dead birds should be available on each farm.
12. Whenever possible, an "all in, all out" program should be used.
Different age groups on a farm is undesirable.
13. Never visit neighboring poultry farms.
14. Do not allow owners of farms that have company owned poultry to have any personally owned poultry, pigeons, ducks, gamebirds, or other fowl on the farm.
15. Do not allow poultry to run loose on a farm.

BIOSECURITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Farm Visitors*

DO:

Use, easily cleaned, washed and disinfected equipment whenever possible.

Clean, wash and disinfect equipment used in poultry buildings before leaving the farm.

Change clothes immediately before and after working in poultry buildings.

DON'T:

Enter poultry buildings unless absolutely necessary and only with the farm manager's permission.

Bring materials which are not absolutely necessary or not easily sanitized (lunch bags, invoices, spare clothing and other items) into poultry buildings.

* Includes service workers, suppliers, supervisors, exterminators, meter readers, farm owners, plumbers, electricians, or anyone traveling or visiting between farms.

BIOSECURITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Commercial Flocks

DO:

Post signs to restrict and control visitors.

Provide and insist on clean hats, coveralls and boots for all visitors entering your poultry houses.

Clean, wash and disinfect your housing and equipment for broilers, turkeys and layers at least once a year.

Bury or burn dead poultry or use safe removal service.

Enforce strict control programs, for rodents and insects - especially flies.

DON'T:

Allow stray poultry, dogs or cats - not even one - on your premises.

keep - or allow caretakers to keep - poultry or other pet birds at home.

Let wild birds, waterfowl or seabirds (gulls, terns, others) in your buildings.

DISEASE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

1. Is the poultry house animal and wildbird proof?
2. Are houses thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between flocks?
3. Do trucks for dead birds enter the farm?
4. Are dead birds picked up daily and disposed of by an approved method?
5. Do service crews put on clean clothing and disinfect all equipment before entering the farm?
6. For necessary visitors, are clean coveralls and boots provided?
7. Does the company ever place more than a single age group on one farm?
8. Do employees travel to other poultry farms not under company control?
9. Are filler flats, egg racks, and cases sanitized before they are returned to a farm?
10. Are all vehicles entering a farm properly sanitized, and do the drivers practice prescribed procedures?

DISEASE PREVENTION CHECKLIST
(Continued)

11. Is all other equipment entering farm cleaned and sanitized?
12. On multiple house farms, are employees assigned to one work area and told not to go to other areas of the farm?
13. Are dead birds carried from house to house?
14. Have all employees been instructed as to proper sanitation and disease prevention methods?
15. Do employees own poultry not under company control?
16. Is poultry litter and manure spread on fields adjacent to poultry housing?
17. Does the company have a continuous rodent and insect control program?
18. Do company employees regularly attend educational programs to keep abreast of new developments in disease control?
19. Does the company routinely have birds checked for disease by a qualified laboratory?