

**Virginia Poultry Federation
Poultry Farm Biosecurity Measures for Visitors**

All poultry farms are biosecured areas, and visits during heightened risk of avian disease outbreaks are restricted to preauthorized, essential, emergency maintenance activities. All traffic must be kept to a minimum. If any business can be conducted over the phone or through the Internet, please do so. If a visit MUST be made to a farm, coordinate it with the grower and/or the appropriate poultry company. Do not visit more than one poultry farm per day. Avoid entering the poultry production area. If it is necessary to enter the production area, the following measures are mandatory:

- All vehicles entering a poultry farm must stop at the farm entrance and fill out the visitor log in the mailbox (for farms that have boxes). Please include your name, date, time, company association, reason for visit, and farms visited previously on that day.
- ALL vehicles must thoroughly disinfect their tires before entering and before leaving a poultry farm. Please use EPA approved disinfectants for AI, such as: Virkon S, DCR, and Phenols (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/2018.10.01.listm_0.pdf). Any equipment used in poultry houses must be cleaned and disinfected before removing it from the farm for use elsewhere. Remember, surfaces must be adequately cleaned in order for disinfectants to work.
- Personnel driving or riding in a vehicle that goes on the farm must have protective boots. Either rubber or plastic boots must be put on before getting out of the vehicle. These boots must be worn the whole time on the farm, and be discarded onsite or cleaned and disinfected before re-entering your vehicle.
- Vehicle windows should be rolled up at all times while on the poultry farm in order to prevent flies from getting into the vehicle.
- For all service vehicles, the floorboard area, including pedals and the entire floor, must be cleaned and disinfected daily, even if wearing disposable plastic boots. Vendor vehicles must be kept clean at all times.
- Entry into the poultry houses is strictly forbidden unless pre-authorized by the grower or the poultry company.
- Any repairs that require entry into poultry houses must include clean coveralls, hair nets, clean rubber or disposable boots and use of any site specific disinfect stations provided at the door.
- When exiting the farm, disposable boots should be put in a receptacle provided at the farm. Then spray shoes with disinfectant before entering your vehicle. Hands, rubber boots and any tools used on the farm must be washed and disinfected.
- If you are in a questionable disease situation on a farm, call before going to other farms.

Remember, these are minimal guidelines, and some operations may have additional requirements. For additional information, please contact Hobe Bauhan, Virginia Poultry Federation, 540-478-8199 or hobey@vapoultry.com.