

NASDA Enumerator Biosecurity Guidelines for Farm Visits

NOTE: Please be sure to follow any more restrictive guidance provided by NASS. These are intended as general minimal guidance.

- First, determine if a personal interview is necessary. If not, try to contact livestock or poultry farms by phone first, to either collect data over the phone or set up an appointment/location for a personal interview.
- Always follow the owner or company's biosecurity guidance and requirements. Be sure to ask about these during the phone contact.
- When conducting personal interviews:
 - Try to meet with the operator away from the barns and never walk into a barn complex or rearing facility unless the owner has given you permission or asked you to enter the barn/facility.
 - Park your vehicle as far away from buildings or lots housing animals as possible.
 - If you have livestock or poultry of your own at home, be sure to shower and put on clean clothes/shoes before leaving to do your personal interviews. If you visited a livestock or poultry operation during your workday, you should shower and put on clean clothes/shoes before you tend to your own livestock or poultry.
- **When a specific disease outbreak is occurring in a specific area during any data collection period:**
 - Do not visit any farm or operation that is known to be infected. Contact the operation by phone if possible. If a personal interview is required, try to meet them at an off-site location.
 - For other non-infected livestock or poultry farms within any control area/containment zone or affected county:
 - Try to phone them first, to either collect data over the phone or set up an appointment/location for a personal interview. If a personal interview is set up, try to limit visits to only one livestock/poultry farm visit per day. This also applies to farms with backyard flocks.
 - If you visit a livestock or poultry farm, wear disposable plastic booties over your shoes and remove them before getting back in your vehicle. If you do not have plastic booties, clean your shoes and disinfect them with disinfectant spray before getting back into your vehicle.
 - Wash your vehicle at the end of each workday.

It is our responsibility to be as cautious as possible especially during specific disease outbreaks. We must show that we understand the need for being responsible during our interactions with the livestock and poultry industry.