

POULTRY FARM BIOSECURITY CHECKLIST

A practical printable checklist for poultry farmers and farm staff. Use it to identify gaps in everyday biosecurity practices.

Farm / Unit: _____ Date: _____
Flock / Shed: _____ Checked by: _____

1. DAILY BIOSECURITY CHECK

✓	CHECKPOINT	STATUS
■	Check flock behaviour, feed intake, water intake and unusual signs.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Record mortality and remove dead birds promptly using the farm's approved disposal procedure.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Check litter condition; investigate wet or heavily caked areas.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Check drinker lines, tanks and visible water quality problems.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Remove feed spills and keep feed bins and surrounding areas clean.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Look for rodents, droppings, gnaw marks, flies and other pest activity.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Restrict unnecessary visitors and control movement between sheds.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Ensure staff use designated clothing and footwear and follow entry hygiene procedures.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Keep entrances, walkways and areas around poultry houses clean.	■ OK ■ Action

2. WEEKLY BIOSECURITY CHECK

✓	CHECKPOINT	STATUS
■	Inspect perimeter fencing, gates, doors and wire mesh for damage.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Inspect rodent-control points and record signs of activity.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Check vegetation and standing-water areas around poultry houses.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Inspect feed storage and waste-collection areas.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Review cleaning and disinfection records.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Review mortality and health records for unusual trends.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Check staff compliance with entry, clothing and movement procedures.	■ OK ■ Action

3. BETWEEN FLOCKS / AFTER EACH BATCH

✓	CHECKPOINT	STATUS
■	Remove birds and litter according to the farm's biosecurity procedure.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Dry-clean the poultry house and remove organic material before disinfection.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Clean equipment, drinker lines and other relevant surfaces.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Wash and rinse the house and equipment appropriately.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Allow surfaces to dry before applying the selected disinfectant as directed.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Inspect the house before the next flock enters.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Complete required downtime/resting procedures according to farm protocol and applicable guidance.	■ OK ■ Action

4. WATER & FEED CHECK

✓	CHECKPOINT	STATUS
■	Use a reliable water source and protect tanks and storage points from contamination and wild birds.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Maintain water sanitation according to the farm's water-management programme.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Test drinking-water quality periodically and investigate abnormal results.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Keep feed storage dry, clean and protected from rodents and wild birds.	■ OK ■ Action

5. PEOPLE, VEHICLES & VISITORS

✓	CHECKPOINT	STATUS
■	Keep farm entry controlled and record visitors when required by farm protocol.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Use designated farm clothing and footwear.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Limit unnecessary movement between sheds.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Clean/disinfect vehicles or equipment entering the farm according to the farm's biosecurity plan.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Keep outside personnel away from poultry houses unless entry is necessary.	■ OK ■ Action

6. IF MORTALITY OR DISEASE SIGNS INCREASE

✓	CHECKPOINT	STATUS
■	Do not move birds, equipment or people unnecessarily between sheds.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Review recent visitor, vehicle, feed, water and flock-management events.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Manage affected areas according to veterinary/farm protocol.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Contact the farm veterinarian or appropriate animal-health authority when disease is suspected.	■ OK ■ Action
■	Record clinical signs, mortality and relevant observations accurately.	■ OK ■ Action

NOTES / CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

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Important: This checklist is a practical aid, not a substitute for a farm-specific biosecurity plan or veterinary advice. Disease-control, vaccination, disinfection, chemical-use, water-quality and carcass-disposal procedures should follow applicable regulations, product labels and advice from a qualified poultry veterinarian or animal-health authority.

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