

PROTECTING THE SHEEP FLOCK

FARM ACTIVITIES

Preventing disease exposure depends on awareness and following biosecurity steps daily.



ANIMAL INTRODUCTIONS AND HEALTH



Incoming sheep can introduce disease unless quarantined and managed separately for a period of time. Observe, test, and vaccinate as recommended by your veterinarian.



Keep records of animal identification numbers, vaccinations, and treatments given. Records of animal, vehicle, and people movement on/off the operation will be needed in a disease outbreak.



Wear gloves, wash all equipment, then change clothing, footwear and wash hands after working with sick sheep.

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT



Wear farm-dedicated clothing that has not been around animals on other operations. Wear footwear that can be cleaned when moving between different animal groups.



Vehicles and animals used to move sheep can carry diseases on tires, paws, hooves, or equipment. Limit spread by working sheep from youngest to oldest and sick last.



Items that contact blood, tissues, sick animals, or are used in the mouth should be cleaned and disinfected between animals of different health status.