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# Checklist for Equipment and Vehicles

Whether you're part of a large commercial enterprise or keep birds as a hobby, you can help protect the Nation's poultry by keeping your equipment and vehicles clean and germ-free. Make sure everyone who comes in contact with your flock knows and follows all of the procedures to avoid spreading germs and diseases.

If you see or suspect anything unusual, call your flock supervisor, veterinarian, or cooperative extension office right away. Use this form to record phone numbers for contacts in your area. The earlier you act, the easier it is to contain the disease to a single flock.

 Check the list on the back for tips to help keep your flocks healthy.



## Report Sick Birds

If you see signs of illness, take action right away!

Veterinarian

Cooperative Extension Office

State Veterinarian/Animal or Poultry Diagnostic Lab

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Phone Number

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# ✓ Checklist: Tips To Help Keep Your Flocks Healthy

This checklist is a general guide to practicing good biosecurity, but if you have a site-specific biosecurity plan, please follow it. Commercial growers should be sure their site-specific plans follow the National Poultry Improvement Plan biosecurity principles.

- Clean equipment and vehicles** with soap and water before and after they come in contact with your flock. Be sure to spray the tires and undercarriage of vehicles, where contact with infectious agents is most likely. Germs can survive months—or even years—in small spaces that are hard to clean.
- Do not share tools, poultry supplies, or lawn and garden equipment** with other flock owners or neighbors. If you must, be sure to clean and disinfect the items before they reach your property and before returning them.
- Establish procedures for cleaning and disinfecting equipment and vehicles.** Don't be afraid to change these procedures if you see a problem or if something's just not effective or practical. There's always room for improvement.
- Give clear and consistent instructions** to everyone who handles your equipment or vehicles.
- Define paths where trucks, vehicles, and other equipment** can travel to access your poultry area. This will help limit the spread of germs and disease.
- Know the warning signs of poultry disease,** like changes in how much your birds eat or drink, increased deaths in your flock, or general malaise.

For more information about how to keep your flocks healthy, follow **Defend the Flock** on **Facebook** and **Twitter** and visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock).

