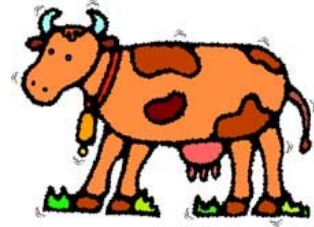


Farm Safety Facts

- What does “biosecurity” mean? It means that to keep animals healthy, we need to make sure we don’t track or carry diseases between farms or animals.

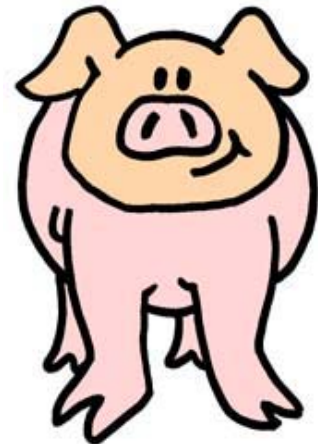


- Dirty footwear can track germs that make the animals sick. Visitors should wear disposable plastic boot covers.

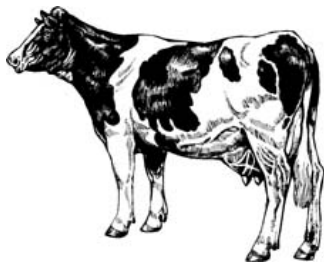
- Some wild animals can spread disease to livestock. Raccoons, bats, and foxes can spread rabies; birds can carry West Nile Virus (spread by mosquitoes), and mice and rats can spread bacteria like E. coli and Salmonella.



- Farm animals can get sick through contacts with other animals at fairs and livestock shows.



- Vehicles such as trucks and tractors can carry germs on their wheels. They should be cleaned regularly.



- When a new animal is brought to the farm, it should be kept by itself for a few weeks until the farmer knows it's healthy. This isolates or quarantines the animal from the rest of the herd.
- When you visit a farm, you should **ALWAYS** wash your hands before you leave.

