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 tracks 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.