



# Visiting a farm?

## Reduce on-farm biosecurity risks

### Planning the visit

- Call ahead if you can to:
  - Inform you are on your way.
  - Check if there are any biosecurity considerations to be aware of.
  - Check if there is any on-farm PPE or other equipment you should use to reduce risks.
  - Confirm where it's safe to drive and park your vehicle.
- Check trusted sources to find out the latest information on current biosecurity threats, e.g. [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz).
- Keep spare clothing in your vehicle for a possible contamination event.

### When you arrive

- Arrive in a clean vehicle and park where you can keep it clean:
  - Use designated parking areas on-farm where possible.
  - Don't use your vehicle to travel over the farm if there is a choice.
- Change into clean boots or clean your footwear on arrival.
- Sign in and familiarise yourself with the farm's visitor requirements, particularly any biosecurity and health and safety requirements.
- Follow all visitor and biosecurity instructions, and use PPE provided on-farm if necessary.

- Avoid areas of the farm that are not necessary for the purpose of the visit.
- Avoid contact with animals on-farm that are not necessary for the purpose of the visit if possible, including with wild or domestic birds.

**If you see 3 or more sick or dead birds in a group, report it immediately to the exotic pest and disease hotline on 0800 80 99 66. Do not handle or move the birds.**

### When leaving

- Sign out at the end of the visit.
- Wash and/or sanitise your hands, particularly if you have been in contact with animals or birds.
- Clean any dirt or mud off boots with water or a brush and ensure any bird faeces and feathers are removed. Disinfect and put boots in your plastic bin or a bag.
- Check where you can tip the used water, or take it with you.
- Wash your vehicle back in your home base's wash area.
- If you are visiting other farms, ensure all biosecurity requirements are complied with fully before leaving the first property. Wash mud and any other debris off your vehicle before you go in.
- Keep a log in your vehicle of your visits or ensure your company's database notes where you visited and when.

### Vehicle kit

- Brush
- Rubber gloves
- Detergent
- Hand wipes
- Large plastic bin or bucket to wash boots in and keep gear in
- Disinfectant – bleach/Virkon in spray bottle/pump
- Heavy duty rubbish bags for boots and general rubbish
- Water – 20 litre water container
- Spare footwear/clothing to wear after cleaning or removal
- Disposable overalls