



TIPS FOR PICK-YOUR-OWN OPERATIONS

Pick-your-own operations present a unique set of challenges when it comes to biosecurity. It can be very difficult to know where customers have been or what they were exposed to before arriving on farm. Providing clear instructions on farm access and hygiene practices will help to minimize the impact of people from off the farm.

Consider the following suggestions for pick-your-own operations.

- **Employ appropriate signage to inform visitors of biosecurity protocols**
- **Clearly mark areas where picking is permitted and where there should be no public entry**
- **Designate a parking area close to the farm entrance, and on a surface with minimal risk of dirt transfer (paved, gravel)**
- **Livestock and pets are prevented from entering the production area**
- **Provide hand sanitizers to be used before and after picking**
- **Provide footbaths for use before entering the field or orchard**
- **If possible, choose pick-your-own field locations that are close to the farm entrance and parking lot to minimize traffic around the farm**
- **If possible, segregate the pick-your-own field away from commercial production areas**
- **Provide baskets or other appropriate picking vessels and tools to customers to minimize transmission of vectors on dirty equipment**

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