



TIPS FOR STAYING BIOSECURE OFF-FARM

People can easily become carriers of pathogens, insects, and weed seeds simply by walking places where these pests exist. They can be carried on boots, clothing, and vehicles, and are easy to pick up without noticing. Therefore, it's crucial to be aware of situations where you might come in contact with something harmful that could be transferred back to your farm.

Check out the below tips for staying biosecure off-farm.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

- **Have boots and clothing (i.e. overalls) designated for on-farm and do not wear them elsewhere**
- **Keep farm footwear and off-farm footwear in different locations**
- **Shower after being on the farm, if possible**
- **Wear street clothes off-farm**
- **Wash and disinfect boots or wear boot covers when visiting another farm**
- **Dump out boots and brush off clothing when departing a field to prevent weed seed spread**
- **Bleach can be used as a cheap and effective disinfectant**
 - » Bleach is most effective if boots are allowed to soak

VEHICLES

- **Vacuum vehicles regularly**
- **Rinse visible organic material off of vehicles**
- **Park in designated areas when visiting other farms**
- **Avoid puddles and very muddy areas if possible**
- **If travelling into fields of different farms, only do so in that farm's vehicle**

SURROUNDINGS

- **Minimize contact with livestock or crops, particularly those that you are producing as well**
- **Avoid areas or animals that show symptoms of illness or disease**
- **Document visits to other farming operations by all farm staff**
 - » The movement to places where there is potential for disease spread is tracked so that if an issue arises, it can be traced back to the source

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