



TIPS FOR FARM ANIMAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Health management is a combination of preventative and reactive actions to maintain the overall health of the flock or herd and to prevent the spread of any pathogens that do happen to become established. These processes should be ongoing and re-visited regularly to ensure procedures are up to date and working effectively.

Consider the following tips for the health management of your farm animals.

PREVENTION

- Daily monitoring of animal/bird and pen condition
- Biosecurity protocols
- Vaccinations
- Daily records

TREATMENT

- Develop a program to deliver medication, feed additives, etc. as needed
- Work with a veterinarian to decide on medications, treatments, and to monitor animal health
- Isolation/biosecurity protocols
- Administration of medicines

DIAGNOSIS

- Blood sampling/testing
- Tissue sampling/testing
- Post-mortems
- Lab reports and recommendations

Regularly develop new protocols to address future issues – biosecurity is ever-evolving, and a lot can be learned by going through an outbreak or infection event.

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