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Minimum Biosecurity Standards for Arkansas Poultry Growers

1. Growers and farm workers should wear farm dedicated clean clothing and footwear.
2. A designated entry and exit point for each house should be identified and footpans with fresh disinfectant and hand sanitizer must be provided at each.
3. Footwear should be cleaned and free of organic material, and then disinfected prior to entering each poultry house.
4. Use hand sanitizer prior to house entry and upon exit.
5. Growers and farm workers should not have contact with other birds.
6. Bird hunting is discouraged. Company personnel should be notified of hunting activities and refer to company specific policy regarding those activities.
7. Visitors to poultry farms should be discouraged (including family and friends). Company personnel and essential contract service providers must follow visitor guidelines when a service call is needed (see attached visitor guidelines).
8. Do not allow pets, livestock, wild animals or birds to enter poultry houses.
9. Implement effective vegetation, rodent, wild bird, and insect control. The area around the poultry houses should be well maintained and free of debris. Feed spills should be cleaned up immediately.
10. Keep workrooms clean.
11. When poultry are present, sharing of equipment between farms is not recommended. Sharing of equipment between farms must be preapproved by company personnel. Effective cleaning and disinfection of equipment must take place between farms.
12. Observed biosecurity violations should be immediately corrected and reported to company personnel.
13. Growers should have a designated farm vehicle that does not leave the immediate poultry house area and is used only for work on the poultry houses, not for other farm work or recreation. If a designated vehicle is not in use, the external surfaces (tires, wheel wells, etc...) of all vehicles should be cleaned and disinfected prior to entering the farm. Vehicles should be disinfected upon exit of the farm.
14. Biosecurity/Disease Control Area/Keep Out signs will be posted at farm entrance.
15. Keep poultry house doors locked and secure during off hours.

These standards are a baseline of biosecurity that should be in place on all poultry farms in Arkansas. Please refer to company and/or premises biosecurity plans for additional biosecurity requirements specific for the farm.

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