Establish and Implement an Efficient and Effective Health Management Plan

Good Production Practice #2

Assuring Quality Care for Animals

Food Animal Quality Assurance
Health Management Plan

• Herd/Flock health is a key to food safety!
  ■ Controls disease
  ■ Reduces risk of drug residue
  ■ Improves health and welfare
    ■ Increases production and efficiency
    ■ Costs less money to prevent than to treat
    ■ Establishes vaccination plans, biosecurity protocols & emergency preparedness
Health Management Plan Components

• Should include these key components
  ■ Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR)
  ■ Development of a herd/flock health plan
  ■ Development of a biosecurity plan
  ■ Foreign animal disease and emergency preparedness procedures
Herd/Flock Health Plan

Work with your veterinarian to develop

• Vaccination protocols
• Parasite control protocols
• A schedule of regular health checks – review vaccination & treatment records, discuss health concerns
• A calendar to execute the health plan
Development Biosecurity Plan
Biosecurity Plan

• Part of an effective health plan
• Uses management practices to reduce risk of infectious diseases
• Maximize animal health and performance
• Minimize food borne contamination
Disease Transmission from Farm to Farm

- Rodents, wildlife, birds, pets
- Between animals
  - Same species
  - Different species
- Vehicles, Equipment
- New animals
- Humans
- Clothes, shoes
- Air
Biosecurity can be either:

• External
  • Keeping diseases out of a herd/flock

• Internal
  • Keeping diseases already in one or more segments of the herd/flock from spreading to other segments
Internal Biosecurity

- Work with your veterinarian when you have a sick animal
- Have separate facilities for sick animals
- Have clothing/shoes/boots that are only worn to the barn
- Keep feed and feed bunks free of manure
- Clean waterers on a regular basis