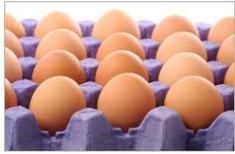


# Maintaining Biosecurity During OSHA Activities of Egg Farms

## OSHA Personnel Must Follow FDA Guidelines When Visiting Egg Producers



The purpose of this guide is to assure sure that OSHA Inspectors and Consultants can conduct their activities at egg laying facilities without introducing biological hazards to the facilities.

The FDA has rules for egg producers to implement measures to prevent *Salmonella* Enteritidis (SE) from entering the farm. It is essential that OSHA personnel follow these biosecurity guidelines so that they are not responsible for introducing SE. These procedures may also protect against Avian Influenza and other diseases. Eggs are the most common source of SE infections in the United States. *Salmonella* bacterium usually causes fever, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea beginning 12 to 72 hours after consuming a contaminated food or beverage. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days, and most persons recover without antibiotic treatment. However, the diarrhea can be severe, and the person may be ill enough to require hospitalization. People that are immune compromised can become seriously ill.



### FDA Guidelines Require Biosecurity at Farms (Isolation, Traffic Control, and Sanitation)

- *Limit visitors to egg producers*
  - ⇒ OSHA Personnel that have any kind of bird at home **cannot** go on the property
  - ⇒ Contact farm owner or manager immediately upon arriving at land entrance to ensure you follow their biosecurity plan (Frequently, the phone number is posted at entrance, call before entering)
  - ⇒ Limit time on premises and in any building to a minimum to perform the work, if possible avoid entry
- *Prevent cross contamination from moving equipment*
  - ⇒ Park vehicles far away from poultry areas, there may be designated visitor parking
  - ⇒ Minimize equipment taken into egg laying houses and decontaminate or dispose of after exiting
  - ⇒ Do not allow any equipment including equipment bags to touch the ground
- *Prevent cross contamination from personnel*
  - ⇒ Wear PPE required by Employer including but not limited to: full disposable coveralls with boot coverings or rubber boots (keeping all street apparel covered), hair coverings, beard coverings



- ⇒ Wash or sanitize hands prior to entry into each building
- ⇒ When present, use brush to wipe off any organic debris from feet when exiting building and use foot dips or dry foot baths with disinfectants
- ⇒ Sign visitors' log, note areas visited
- ⇒ Do not visit multiple farms within 72 hours of one another

Any questions, contact your Assistant Area Director so they can coordinate with Region

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