

BIOSECURITY

Recommendations for Exhibitors



BEFORE THE EXHIBITION

- 1. Ensure that any lactating dairy cows** you plan to enter in any show or exhibition have tested negative for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A (H5N1) with an approved screening test within 7 days of arrival to the exhibition site.
- 2. Make sure:**
 - to contact the organizers for event-specific exhibition requirements before the event.
 - when participating in an exhibition in the United States, be aware of requirements for cattle movement back into Canada.
 - exhibitors are reminded that extra time is required for herd veterinarians to visit and collect samples and for the samples to be processed and tested at an approved laboratory.
 - For instance, if you plan to show on August 31, the latest date the test is considered acceptable is August 24.
- 3. Familiarize yourself with signs of influenza** in cattle (e.g., decreased milk production, appetite, and rumen motility, thick or discolored milk, lethargy, fever, and/or dehydration, signs of mastitis in 1 or more quarters, dry manure, constipation, nasal discharges, or diarrhea in some cases) and do not participate in an animal event if present in your cattle.
- 4. Avoid comingling animals from different premises/farms** after the screening test is done. Animals from different herds should be transported separately to minimize the risk of cross-contamination.
- 5. Work with your herd veterinarian** to ensure the animals:
 - have NOT been to a location with known positive HPAI A (H5N1) dairy herds in the last 60 days (e.g., a state in the United States).
 - are not showing any clinical signs of potential infectious, contagious, or communicable disease.
 - are in good health and have received vaccination against common diseases (e.g., BVD, IBR, BRSV, and PI3).
- 6. Clean and disinfect** all equipment that you plan to bring to the event (e.g., feed equipment, cleaning tools, grooming equipment, inside and outside of vehicles and trailers, portable milking equipment, etc.) using safe and approved disinfectants.
- 7. Ensure that when attending an exhibition,** you do not have any symptoms of respiratory illness and that you have not traveled outside Canada or visited a HPAI A (H5N1) positive farm in the last 72 hours prior the event.