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Backyard Poultry

SHOULD & SHOULDN'T DOs

Owning backyard poultry can be a rewarding experience, but it comes with responsibilities to prevent disease and ensure the health of your flock. This guide highlights key practices to maintain biosecurity and avoid common pitfalls.

Maintain Cleanliness and Proper Waste Management



Clean your coop, equipment, and nesting materials regularly. Wash hands after handling birds or eggs. Dispose of dead birds properly to prevent scavengers.

Quarantine New Birds



Isolate new birds for at least 30 days before introducing them to your flock to prevent the spreading of potential diseases.

Monitor Health and Report Issues

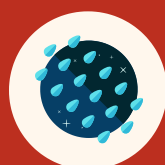


Keep an eye on signs of illness or unusual bird behaviour, and report any concerns to your veterinarian promptly.



Don't Allow Wild Bird or Other Animal Contact

Avoid exposure between your flock and wild birds, rodents, or other animals. Do not cohabitate poultry with other livestock to prevent the spread of disease.



Don't Use Contaminated Water

Minimize access to ponds, streams, and untreated or potentially contaminated surface water. Always provide clean, fresh water.



Don't Skip Record-Keeping

Always keep detailed records of poultry purchases, sales, and vaccination history for disease tracing.