



Swine dysentery: biosecurity guidelines

In the event of your unit becoming infected with swine dysentery and out of consideration to other producers, it is good practice to take the following steps in consultation with your veterinary surgeon:

Do not keep it a secret. Inform others that could become involved in spreading the disease if they do not take appropriate precautions:

- Haulier
- Feed supplier
- Fallen stock collector
- Processor
- Cleaning contractor
- Muck/slurry contractor
- Rodent control service
- Straw provider
- Relief staff
- Semen delivery
- Maintenance services
- Company representatives
- Fuel delivery
- Veterinarian
- Neighbouring pig farms (min 2 miles)
- Pig farms close to muck field (min 2 miles)
- Other enterprises on farm site

Keep visitors to an absolute minimum.

Provide:

1. Clear signs to visitors
2. A clean car parking area outside the perimeter of the unit
3. A single entry point for staff and visitors to the unit
4. Foot dip with fresh disinfectant and brush at the entry point
5. Clean boots and overalls for visitors and drivers
6. Wheel washing/disinfection facility at perimeter
7. Dead pig collection at the perimeter of the unit with foot dip and brush
8. Leak proof container for dead stock
9. Yard clean of muck especially where feed lorries have to go
10. Facilities to clean and disinfect tools and any visitor equipment
11. Consider investing in a loading bay at the perimeter of the unit
12. Consider investing in feed blower pipes that extend to the unit perimeter

Farm action points:

1. Monitor and control rodents in pig pens, feed stores, staff areas etc
2. Make pig buildings bird and insect proof
3. Keep pets off the farm to prevent indirect spread
4. Do not visit other pig farms
5. When moving or spreading muck, avoid spillages – do not overfill trailer. Clear up any spillages that occur
6. Do not share staff, tools or equipment with other farms
7. Keep your yard and access roads/passages clear of muck
8. Ensure suitable drainage of dirty water and muck heap effluent
9. Do not spread pig waste near yours or other pig units – ask BPEX for help identifying where other farms are
10. Clean and disinfect vehicles and equipment taken off the pig unit – refer to guidelines for vehicles and cleaning and disinfection
11. Replace disinfectant in foot dips at least twice weekly, more often if dirty; and protect from incursion of rain water

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