

Become Informed

The United States Food and Drug Administration has published extensive guidance information for the food industry.

This guidance includes precautionary and emergency response measures for producers, processors, transporters and retailers.

This guidance and links to other important information regarding food safety and bioterrorism can be found at www.foodsafety.gov or call 1-888-SAFEFOOD.

Responding to an Incident

- Post 24-hour contact information for local, state and federal police/fire/rescue/government agencies near the telephone.
- Identify management personnel that employees should alert about potential security problems.

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets' Albany contact information:

- Division of Food Safety & Inspection
518-457-5380
- Division of Animal Industry
518-457-3052
- Division of Plant Industry
518-457-2087
- Division of Milk Control & Dairy Services
518-457-1772

Food tampering is a crime. Do not handle or disturb products known or suspected to have been tampered with. Clear people from the area and notify law enforcement authorities, then your nearest State Department of Agriculture and Markets office.

You are also advised to report any occurrence or allegation of foodborne illness to your nearest New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets office and state or local health department office within 24 hours.

You can also call 1-866-SAFENYS for tips on suspected terrorist activities in New York State.

State of New York
George E. Pataki, Governor



New York State Department of
Agriculture and Markets
Nathan L. Rudgers, Commissioner
1-800-554-4501
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FARM BIOSECURITY:

Preventive Measures for New York Farmers

What you can do to protect

- the products you produce
- your livestock
- your employees
- your business
- your family and yourself



Because Farm & Food Security
is Everybody's Business!

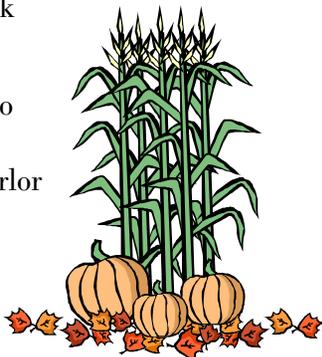


Take Steps to Minimize the Risk of Bioterrorism

There is a possibility that food, crops or livestock might be used as a vehicle for the spread of biological or chemical agents as part of a terrorist attack. As a farm operator, there are some steps you can take to reduce the risk that your facility could be utilized to spread livestock disease, crop disease or foodborne illness.

Farm Access

- Limit access to your farm and discourage non-essential visitors.
- Lock and secure produce and feed storage areas and packaging facilities.
- Lock your milk house when not in use.
- Consider the use of alarms, additional lighting and video surveillance.
- Consider the use of perimeter fencing and gates.
- Lock the flip-up lid on your bulk milk tank.
- Restrict access to your cows, bulk tank, milking parlor and milk house.



Fertilizer & Pesticides

- Have chemical and other supply deliverers show proper identification and sign in.
- Keep up to date pesticide inventory records.
- Lock and post pesticide and fertilizer facilities.

Employees

- Review and verify new employees' work references, addresses, phone numbers, immigration status and background checks.
- Take precautions to protect your business if you have a disgruntled employee.



Biosecurity

- Be mindful of biosecurity guidelines when monitoring livestock.
- Inspect livestock regularly and isolate any animal showing signs of communicable disease.
- Have animals which die of a sudden illness necropsied by a veterinarian and proper animal health authorities notified if he/she deems it necessary.
- Purchase livestock which have health records and have them examined and vaccinated by a veterinarian.
- Euthanize disabled, non-ambulatory livestock in poor condition.
- Adopt the FDA's "Guidelines for Good Agricultural Practices for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables."

