

# BIOSECURITY COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR GRAZIERS



WHO TO TALK TO	WHAT TO DISCUSS	WHEN TO TALK	WHY
<b>FARM TEAM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create overall plan with staff so all on the same page</li> <li>• Develop new SOPs with staff</li> <li>• Discuss “What ifs” and contingency plans</li> </ul>	Before grazing begins – at least 2 weeks before arrival of grazing animals to allow for ideas to be implemented	Common goals including healthy well fed stock, less stress, preparedness for Mycoplasma bovis incursion
<b>NEIGHBOURS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of all boundary fences</li> <li>• Plan for escaped cattle, where to put them</li> <li>• Use of shared yards - expectations</li> </ul>	ASAP - NOW	Common goals including less stress, avoidance of misunderstanding, preparedness for M bovis incursion
<b>HERD OWNERS AND AGENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly recommend a meeting with all herd owners, the grazier, possibly vet/biosecurity expert and mediator if necessary</li> <li>• Arrival/departure, NAIT compliance, cow health planning (no arrivals of sick/skinny/lame; plan for new health issues)</li> <li>• Transport – full loads, improved hygiene may need to be driven by herd owner demand</li> <li>• Plan to do as much as possible at home to avoid use of shared yards (eg. tagging, vaccinating, drenching)</li> </ul>	ASAP - NOW	Common goals – organised plan that works for everyone as much as possible, cow welfare considered, contingency plans for problems that may arise
<b>TRANSPORT OPERATORS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning of arrival/departure</li> <li>• Expectations around hygiene, biosecurity</li> <li>• Multiple herds, backloads, multiple trucks</li> <li>• Demand for improvements may be driven by herd owners because they are paying the bill</li> </ul>	ASAP	Consumer drive
<b>VETS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check biosecurity plan and provide expertise</li> <li>• Provide guidance on animal health questions and queries</li> <li>• Establish a good relationship now</li> </ul>	ASAP	Expertise to assist with planning and make the job easier and results in a more effective plan
<b>OTHER CONTRACTORS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expectations around biosecurity</li> <li>• Planning and consideration of yard use, use of vehicles, etc</li> </ul>	One month prior to their presence on farm	Maintain biosecurity