



# TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CATTLE HEALTHY DURING THE SHOW SEASON

## PRE-SHOW

### Practice good biosecurity on your farm





- Contact your veterinarian to ensure that any necessary vaccines, dewormings and paperwork, including certificates of veterinary inspections (CVIs) are completed before you leave
  - Visit the exhibition's website for a list of health and documentation requirements
- Do not share equipment or other supplies with other herds and ensure to disinfect all supplies and equipment before leaving home, including trailers
- Limit visitors to your herd and avoid visits to cattle facilities or other herds
- Wear designated, clean, disinfected footwear when caring for your cattle to reduce the risk of contamination
- Practice pest and rodent control
  - Keep area that house your cattle clean
  - Keep feed covered and clean up spills

### Monitor your cattle before the show, especially those you plan to take

- Monitor for at least 14 days prior to show
- Watch for changes in food and water consumption which can be an initial indicator of illness
- Monitor for any potential clinical signs including respiratory signs, ocular discharge, diarrhea and lethargy
- Isolate sick cattle from the rest of your herd & tend to them last
- Report any clinic signs noted to your veterinarian
- REMEMBER ONLY HEALTHY CATTLE CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SHOW, IF ANY CATTLE IN THE HERD ARE SICK, DO NOT ATTEND THE SHOW






## AT THE SHOW

-  Keep your pens and feed/water supplies clean. Do not share equipment with others unless it has been cleaned and disinfected between uses.
  - Clean and disinfect all equipment that was at the show before returning home
-  Limit contact with any other cattle at the show. If it's unavoidable, wash your hands and shoes after
-  Wash hands often and especially after handling cattle or cleaning their pens
-  Monitor all cattle on site for clinical signs. Observe your cattle several times throughout the day
  - **If you see something in your cattle or any other, notify the person in charge so that cattle can be removed and returned home or isolated ASAP**



## POST-SHOW

-  Isolate cattle that were at the show for 30 days before returning to the herd
  - Monitor for any signs of illness. Contact your veterinarian if anything arises
  - Tend to these cattle after caring for the rest of your herd
-  Clean and disinfect footwear worn at show
-  It is recommended that exhibitors wait at least 14 days before attending another event

