

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR SHEEP 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 flocks and ensure to disinfect all supplies and equipment before leaving home, including trailers
 - Limit visitors to your flock and avoid visits to facilities that house other flocks
 - Wear designated, clean, disinfected footwear when caring for your sheep to reduce the risk of contaminants
 - Practice pest and rodent control
 - Keep areas that house your sheep clean
 - Keep feed covered and clean up spills
- Monitor your sheep 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, lameness, skin lesions and lethargy
 - Isolate sick sheep from the rest of your herd and tend to them last
 - Report any clinical signs noted to your veterinarian
 - REMEMBER ONLY HEALTHY SHEEP CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SHOW, IF ANY SHEEP IN THE FLOCK 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 sheep at the show. If it's unavoidable, wash your hands and shoes after
- Wash hands often and especially after handling sheep or cleaning their pens
- Monitor all sheep on site for any clinical signs. Observe your sheep several times throughout the day
- If you see something in your sheep or any other, notify the person in charge so that sheep can be removed and returned home or isolated ASAP



POST-SHOW

- Isolate sheep that were at the show for 30 days before returning to the flock
- Monitor for any signs of illness
- Tend to these sheep after caring for the rest of your flock
- Clean and disinfect footwear worn at show
- It is recommended that exhibitors wait at least 14 days before attending another event

