Bird Biosecurity Bucket

SMALL FLOCKS COLLABORATIVE

It is good practice to keep biosecurity materials in one clean place. Use these guidelines to build your biosecurity bucket and help keep your flock healthy.

Quick Tips

- Keep your biosecurity bucket by the entrance to the coop and keep it clean
- Wash hands and clean boots before and after handling birds
- Wear dedicated clothes and boots for flock chores
- Use soap and scrub brush for cleaning boots and equipment
- After organic material is removed, disinfect tools and equipment
- Limit visitors – if they enter, have them wear boot covers

1 Bucket

- Keep all biosecurity items in one place
- Use for soaking and rinsing boots, tools, and equipment during cleaning
- Cover the bucket and supplies to keep it clean

2 Soap

- Remove dirt and germs from hands, tools, and boots with soap, a clean scrub brush, and clean water
- Always wash hands before and after handling birds

3 Scrub Brush

- Scrub dirt and manure off of boots, tools, and the coop
- Disinfectants don't work on organic material, so remove it first

4 Disinfectant

- Kills germs on boots, tools, and surfaces once dirt and manure are removed
- Use household cleaners that disinfect and are safe around animals, or make a bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water)

5 Gloves

- Protect your hands and stop germs from spreading between birds or to you
- Use gloves and wash your hands, especially when handling sick birds

6 Boots

- Keep a separate pair for working with your birds that stay on your property
- Disinfect your boots often
- Have visitors wear boot covers in bird areas to prevent tracking germs in or out

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