



BARN MANAGER CHECKLIST

Quarantine

- Create a quarantine protocol for new horses to the farm.

Barn Design

- Add fans and open window to enhance air circulation.
- Create tall, solid stall walls or leave an empty stall in between horses to prevent horse interactions.
- Waterproof/seal untreated wood or replace stall materials to make stalls easier to disinfect.
- Group horses by owner or by use and age.
- Create a quarantine area/facility away from the resident horse housing.
- Place a footbath at the entrance to the quarantine area/stall when horses are present.
- Create clear signs and barriers for the quarantine area.
- Make the feed room as resistant to infestations as possible.

Horse Handling

- Train staff and owners on proper horse handling.

Paddocks/Pastures/Fields

- Separate paddock fences by at least 3 feet.
- Give horses in private turnout their own water buckets that are sanitized between horses.
- Exclude natural water sources when designing paddocks.

Vector Control

- Fill holes, replace water in troughs, and avoid housing horses near streams or ponds.
- Create a rodent and vermin control program to keep wildlife from the barn.

Horse-specific Equipment

- Each horse has their own dedicated equipment, including buckets, halters, tack, and brushes.

General Equine Health

- Require horses to be on a parasite control program.
- Post signs with healthy horse vital signs and clinical signs of disease.
- Learn healthy vital sign values and teach them to staff.

Medical & Travel Records

- Map your farm, with locations of stalls and paddocks for each horse.

Waste Management

- Provide separate equipment for feeding horses and removing waste.
- Remove waste from the property weekly.

Visitors

- Keep a log of visitors to the farm, including contact information.

Returning to the Farm

- Quarantine horses that have been off property.
- Keep a temperature log of quarantined horses.

Cleaning & Disinfection

- Place footbaths at the entrance to the farm/barn.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions for the disinfectants.
- Clean and disinfect stalls between horses using them.

Training Farm Employees

- Train employees in good biosecurity practices.
- Education & Announcements
- Place educational posters about best practices around the farm.