

Farm Biosecurity Best Practice Checklist for Agronomists and Consultants



**GRAINS FARM
BIOSECURITY
PROGRAM**

Farm name:	Date:
Grower name:	
Agronomist name:	

Agreed biosecurity procedures	Indicate your selection with a ✓		
	Already doing	Will consider adoption	Not possible or not applicable
Discuss biosecurity with grower/property owner			
▪ Do they have particular concerns?			
▪ Do they have a vehicle you can use to drive on their property?			
▪ Do they require you to follow a sign-in procedure?			
▪ Do they have a clean down facility you can use if needed?			
▪ Notify them you are coming onto the property or have a regular agreement.			
General practices			
▪ Plan where you are going for the day and identify if there are any known biosecurity risks.			
▪ Ensure you have a biosecurity kit in your vehicle (eg. dust pan and brush, disinfectant, paper bags and vials, cleaning cloth, spare shoes, plastic bags for rubbish or dirty clothes etc.).			
▪ Minimise risk of spreading pests by using a grower/property vehicle to access paddocks where practical or possible.			
▪ Stay on existing roads where possible.			
▪ Have a designated clean down area at your office or base.			
▪ Regularly clean vehicle and equipment.			
▪ Avoid driving on farm in wet or muddy conditions.			
▪ Ensure clothing and footwear is clean.			
▪ Include biosecurity when inducting new staff.			

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Record keeping			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep records of where you have been (properties and paddocks). 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep records of what pests you have found. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide written reports to grower on pests found and recommendations. 			
Crop monitoring and surveillance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the common pests of the crops you are checking. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you find a pest that you cannot identify or unusual crop damage that cannot be accounted for, follow up with an expert or report it to your local state agriculture department. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you find extreme unidentifiable pest damage or crop death call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881. Do not touch or move the pest. Take photos to help with identification. Record the GPS location. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide evidence of absence data for surveillance of exotic pests. 			

For more information on Farm Biosecurity or help in developing your plan, talk to your local Grains Farm Biosecurity Officer:

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**CALL THE HOTLINE IF YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE PEST OR DISEASE SYMPTOM IS,
OR IF IT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS.**