



Facts about biosecurity at the 2017 Oregon State Fair.

- The Oregon State Fair takes biosecurity seriously, and applauds efforts to protect the public through various means, including educational signage.
- The Fair's goal is to maintain an environment where fairgoers, exhibitors and livestock can coexist in the safest and most enjoyable manner.
- The Fair strives to meet this goal through a combination of:
 - Target Site Assessment
 - Consumer Protection Planning
 - Effective Implementation of Interventions
 - Consistent Record Keeping
- Livestock can sometimes be a source of contamination, including pathogens and zoonotic animal diseases that can pass to humans.
- The Fair recently placed a heightened emphasis on biosecurity to prevent against the spread of harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli.
- Regarding pathogen control, the Fair recently completed a comprehensive assessment of the entire grounds.
 - As a result, the Fair reconfigured signage locations and hand-washing stations, and improved sanitation and record keeping practices in an effort to keep barns as sanitary as possible.
- The Fair recently implemented a comprehensive biosecurity protocol to minimize the risk of disease transmission from animals to humans, as well as from animals to other animals.
 - This protocol includes veterinary inspections of animals prior to entry to the grounds, and/or throughout the Fair.
 - The protocol also requires disinfection of pens and stalls during changeovers from one animal exhibition to the next.
 - Signage that reminds the public the importance of hand washing

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