

ON FARM BIOSECURITY ADVICE

If any pest of concern is found "Snap it, Catch it, Report it" – Call MPI on 0800 80 99 66

Visit our website for a list of Sector Risk Organisms <https://potatoesnz.co.nz/biosecurity/sector-risk-organisms/>



1. Entering a Property

e.g. growers, workers, sales representatives, consultants, crop monitors, inspectors, field surveyors, other visitors

- Limit entry points into a property.
- Park in designated parking areas (using signage will help).
- Wash down vehicles if necessary.
- For anyone coming from another property, wash hands and clean footwear (or provide booties and overalls to visitors). If footwear needs cleaning, ensure soil is removed before using disinfectant. (Disinfectant won't work if dirt present).
- For anyone who has recently been overseas in rural areas, ensure footwear and clothing worn overseas is clean.
- Ask visitors to stay on tracks.
- If transporting visitors, use own vehicles where possible.
- If you will not be present when visitors are going to your property – discuss with them prior to their visit, the hygiene/biosecurity practices you would like them to adhere to.



2. Bringing organic material onto your property (including seed)

e.g. seeds, organic fertiliser, compost

- Source certified seed.
- Talk with suppliers about biosecurity, hygiene, testing and record keeping.
- Ask for copies of tests/certificates/declarations if available.
- Inspect on arrival for visible pests and diseases.
- Store away from production areas if possible.
- Traceability – record where from and where used. Have the ability to trace backwards and forwards.

New plantings

- Regularly check new plantings for anything out of the ordinary.



3. Equipment

e.g. new, second hand, borrowed or lent equipment

- Clean storage/harvest bins, containers (free of debris, waste and dirt) and storage areas.
- When moving between properties wash down vehicles and other machinery.
- Consider establishing a wash facility with a hard stand or sump.
- Do not let water "run off" into production areas.
- Regularly check areas around wash down facility, for new pests or weeds.
- Keep an up to date cleaning record.
- Clean vehicles from top down.
- For maximum protection consider using a broad-spectrum disinfectant after washing.



4. Contractors

What do you want your contractor to do?

- What hygiene/biosecurity practices do you want them to implement?
- How can you check contractors are doing it?
- Contractors following good biosecurity practices may be slower – but what level of risk are you prepared to accept?
- Can you include biosecurity in contractual arrangements with contractors?



5. Know your normal

- Monitor your crop.
- Know your normal – what pests and diseases might you expect to see.
- Know your exotic pests – know what might be of concern.
- Keep the PNZ Pests and Diseases Handbook as reference.
- Train staff to look out for unusual pests and signs/symptoms.

