

AGRONOMIST CHECKLIST

This template can be used as a starting point in the development of a biosecurity plan to assess current practices and to provide short and long term goals for practice change in an agribusiness.

Farm Biosecurity Best Practice	Already doing	Consider adopting	Not possible or N/A
Discuss biosecurity with grower/property owner			
Ask if they have particular concerns.			
Ask if they have a vehicle that agronomists can use while working on their property.			
Ask if they have a clean down facility available if needed.			
Notify them when you are coming onto the property, or have a regular agreement in place.			
General practices			
Plan where you are going for the day and identify if there are any known biosecurity risks.			
Keep a fully stocked biosecurity kit in work vehicles.			
Use a property vehicle to access paddocks where practical or possible.			
Stay on formed up roads where possible.			
Have a designated clean down area at the agribusiness office or base.			
Regularly clean vehicle and equipment, including quad bikes.			
Avoid driving on farm in wet or muddy conditions.			
Ensure clothing and footwear is clean.			
Include biosecurity training when inducting new staff.			
Record keeping			
Keep records of properties and paddocks visited.			
Keep records of all pests found during each visit.			
Provide written reports to grower on pests found, along with recommendations.			
Crop monitoring and surveillance			
Know the common pests of the crops being checked.			
If an unknown or unusual pest is found or if unusual crop damage cannot be accounted for, follow up with an expert or report it to the local state agriculture department or Local Land Services office.			
If extreme unidentifiable pest damage or crop death is found, call the Exotic Plant pest Hotline 1800 084 881. Do not touch or move pest. Take photos to help with identification and record the GPS coordinates of the location. De-contaminate thoroughly before entering other paddocks or farms.			
Provide information on crop inspections for general surveillance of exotic pests to the state grains biosecurity officer.			

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