



QUARANTINE CHECKLIST

Quarantine is a period of isolation for new or traveling livestock when they first arrive or return to the farm. Quarantine policies are part of a basic farm biosecurity plan

During this time, the animal acclimates to their environment and passes through the incubation and infectious period of most contagious diseases* without transmission to the recipient herd

PREPARE: PRINCIPLES OF SEPARATION APPLY BEFORE YOU ACQUIRE THE NEW ANIMAL

Minimize the number of sources you acquire pigs from	<input type="checkbox"/>
Select animals from source herds of the same or higher health standards than yours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirm that all required movement documentation, animal identification and health tests are complete <i>before</i> you take the animal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoid mixing animals from different sources during the quarantine period	<input type="checkbox"/>



IMPLEMENT: DESIGN YOUR QUARANTINE SPACE

The quarantine *facility* should:

Be secure and remote from your established herd, if possible	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet the animals' need for shelter and sanitation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contain separate equipment for feeding and cleaning that is never used elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only be used for this purpose and easily cleaned and disinfected between uses. Plan for secure disposal of waste and spent bedding	<input type="checkbox"/>

IMPLEMENT: DESIGN YOUR QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

The quarantine *protocol* should:

Require isolation of animals for a minimum of 14 days (28 days is preferable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require daily observation of the animals. Monitor for signs of lethargy, lameness, coughing, nasal or ocular discharge, skin lesions, diarrhea, decreased feed intake, neurologic signs, death	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require caretakers to perform biosecurity steps on the way into and out of the quarantine area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designate a single caretaker for the quarantined group or visit this population last	<input type="checkbox"/>

Helpful tips....

Observe animals *before* they get on your trailer! Reject those that do not meet your requirements

Discuss prepurchase surveillance testing options with your herd's veterinarian.

Keep records of dates of purchase, source, animal ID, treatments, and health observations

Bring new animals up to speed with your herd's vaccine and deworming schedule while they're in confinement

Have a plan for handling pigs that fail your quarantine requirements

*Some important diseases have a long incubation phase or an asymptomatic carrier phase. Consider partnering with your herd veterinarian to implement screening tests for these diseases in prospective herd additions