

Agritourism Animal Safety Assessment Checklist

Has the farm operator	Yes	No	Priority Ranking ¹	Comments
clearly designated, separated & posted animal interaction areas from non-animal areas?				
ensured animals are appropriately contained (e.g., pens, fencing, etc.)?				
provided adequate care such as food, water and shelter during interaction with the public?				
established a transition area that separates animal and non-animal areas?				
selected animals that are the appropriate size and/or age for visitor interactions?				
properly vaccinated animals and maintained appropriate records?				
implemented appropriate biosecurity measures to ensure animal and visitor health?				
developed a plan for daily manure management in animal interaction areas?				
implemented procedures for screening animals (e.g., health, temperament, cleanliness) daily before allowing contact with visitors?				
taken steps to minimize pests related to animal management?				
developed procedures for guests to feed the animals (if allowed)?				
posted adequate signage to delineate animal, transition, and non-animal areas?				
posted rules for animal areas (e.g., regarding proper handling, feeding, etc.)?				
displayed appropriate warnings to inform visitors of the potential hazards related to animal interaction (e.g., "animals may bite", "wash hands after touching animals", etc.)?				
prohibited food/drink within animal areas (with appropriate signage)?				



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Has the farm operator	Yes	No	Priority Ranking ¹	Comments
posted rules requiring supervision of children around animals?				
appropriately staffed animal areas to manage visitor flow and visitor-animal interactions?				
trained employees to assess animal behavior and to watch for stressed or agitated animals?				
trained employees how to react to and move any animals that may present a potential danger to visitors?				
trained employees regarding the rules and procedures for animal handling and related issues?				
developed procedures and trained employees to maintain the cleanliness of animal areas (e.g., removal of fecal matter, sanitization of surfaces visitors will contact, etc.)?				
placed trash receptacles in all areas related to animal interaction?				
posted proper hand washing procedures at entrances and exits from animal handling areas?				
provided and maintained stocked hand washing stations in animal handling and transition areas?				
established an emergency response plan for animal related emergencies?				
trained farm employees to implement emergency response procedures in the event of an emergency?				
Other farm-specific considerations				

¹H = High Priority, M = Medium priority, L = Low priority

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