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Checklist for Poultry Feed and Replacement Litter

Food and clean litter are two items that you need to have in ample supply at your poultry facility. They can also attract unwanted attention from wildlife, rodents, and insects. It's important to receive, store, and handle these items carefully to minimize the chance of contamination. By taking a few simple steps, you can make sure your poultry feed and litter are safe—and don't carry germs that could make your birds sick.

 Check the list on the back for tips to help keep your flocks healthy.



Report Sick Birds

If you see signs of illness, take action right away!

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This checklist is a general guide to practicing good biosecurity, but if you have a site-specific biosecurity plan, please follow it. Commercial growers should be sure their site-specific plans follow the National Poultry Improvement Plan biosecurity principles.

- Make sure delivery trailers are covered** to prevent contamination of feed, feed ingredients, and fresh litter during transport to the farm.
- Store feed, feed ingredients, and fresh litter in **closed bins or buildings** to prevent contamination.
- Be careful when moving stored feed, feed ingredients, and fresh litter into poultry houses.** Use only cleaned and disinfected equipment, or better yet, equipment dedicated only to handling feed and fresh litter.
- Clean up any spills as soon as possible** to minimize the chance of attracting wildlife and rodents.
- Keep any bagged feed above the floor and have rodent control measures in place.**
- Do a daily feed spill check.** Identify where feed spills happen and work to reduce them.
- Write it down.** Include in your biosecurity plan the steps taken at your site to protect poultry feed and litter against contamination from wild birds, rodents, insects, and other animals. This may include written protocols, log sheets, and guidance for contractors.

For more information about how to keep your flocks healthy, follow **Defend the Flock** on **Facebook** and **Twitter** and visit www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock.

