

Control of *Salmonella* in laying flocks

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Site entry

Background

- Anything or anyone who comes on to the site is potentially contaminated, especially if they have recently visited other poultry farms.
- *Salmonella* is just one of the many diseases that can be introduced in this way.



Action

- Provide a clean car park away from the poultry.
- Provide a warning notice and means of attracting attention.
- Provide a good quality disinfectant vehicle spray and boot dip at the site entrance.
- Provide clean overalls, boots and hair covering,
- Provide masks for visitors and staff.
- Minimise the number of times people enter houses by good planning.
- Provide clean facilities for changing, hand washing and hand sanitisation on entry to the site.
- Keep visitors to the farm site to a minimum. Only allow those with essential duties to enter poultry houses.



Site tidiness

Background

- Untidy sites provide cover and harbourage for all kinds of farm pests, from wild birds to insects, that might be carrying disease organisms, including *Salmonella*.

Action

- Clean up feed spills and broken eggs and dust around hoppers and within houses.
- Avoid storing equipment and bedding, etc. close to houses.
- Control vegetation around houses.
- Sweep away pooled water and fill puddles.
- Fix leaking gutters or blocked drains.
- Fill or drain hollows in range areas to avoid water pooling.

