



BIOSECURITY BEST PRACTICE CHECKLIST

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To ensure your property has the best protection against the introduction and spread of new pests, use the following self-assessment questions to identify the strengths and weaknesses of your orchard plant health or biosecurity activities.

This process forms the basis of an orchard biosecurity action plan which will allow you to systematically address any risks that you have identified. You can get further information and help to improve the biosecurity practices on your property from the National Citrus Surveillance Coordinator and at farmbiosecurity.com.au.

Date of biosecurity check: _____

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES	YES	COMMENTS
Monitoring crops and reporting anything unusual		
Orchard regularly inspected for exotic pests and anything unusual.		
Pest surveillance is regularly conducted, with activities and results recorded, even when nothing is found.		
You, your staff and family are familiar with identification of common established and exotic pests of citrus and associated symptoms.		
You, your staff and family know how to report suspect pests.		
Pest awareness material is available to staff and family.		
Using pest-free planting and propagating material		
Propagation material fully tested, pest-free and purchased from nurseries that source their material from Auscitrus.		
Seed, budwood and nursery trees are thoroughly checked for pests and diseases upon arrival.		
Records of seed, budwood and nursery trees and their source maintained.		



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RECOMMENDED PRACTICES	YES	COMMENTS
Managing produce carefully		
Accredited chemical training undertaken for the safe use of pesticides.		
Pesticide labels and withholding periods adhered to.		
Equipment used to store or transport propagation material or fruit is cleaned on arrival and exit from the property.		
Fruit is covered during transport.		
Fruit is loaded on compacted surfaces away from production areas.		
Fallen or waste fruit, packing shed waste and plant trimmings are disposed of away from production areas and irrigation sources.		
Records of the movement of plant material and produce that has left your property maintained.		
Managing people movement		
Biosecurity signs with contact details are located at all entrances to the property.		
Visitor access is restricted to designated parking areas.		
Only on-site vehicles are used to transport visitors and equipment around the orchard. Otherwise visitor vehicles pass inspection prior to entry.		
Visitors sign a visitor register on arrival to track movements on orchard and for trace-back purposes.		
All visitor and staff clothing, footwear and tools are inspected for loose soil or plant matter before entering and leaving the orchard.		
All visitors and workers recently returned from overseas are checked to ensure they have clean footwear and clothing before entering the orchard.		
Staff trained in biosecurity measures and orchard hygiene practices.		
Contractor entry to orchard is conditional on being made aware of orchard biosecurity plans and hygiene protocols.		
Hygiene supplies available for use where appropriate (e.g. hand sanitiser, gloves, masks, disinfectant footbaths and scrubbing brushes).		
Contractors/visitors made aware if property has a declared or notifiable pest.		

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Reducing risks posed by vehicles and equipment		
Designated parking area for visitors and contractors is available and clearly signposted. Area checked regularly for new pests.		
Cleaning and wash-down facilities, preferably on a concrete pad, provided for people, machinery and equipment and clearly signposted with instructions.		
High pressure water or air available for use to remove plant material and soil from equipment and machinery.		
Sump installed in wash-down facility to catch unwanted weeds and stop run-off into waterways.		
Wash-down facility and surrounds inspected on a quarterly basis (i.e. check that everything works, clean the sump and check it for unwanted pests). Records kept and updated.		
Machinery entering the property is inspected for pests, soil and plant material prior to entering production areas.		
Vehicle movement is kept to a minimum in production areas.		
Secateurs used for trimming roots, budding and grafting knives are disinfected between trees.		
Borrowed and second-hand machinery and equipment is cleaned and disinfected before use.		
Machinery and equipment cleaned before being moved off property.		

More information

For general questions relating to citrus biosecurity contact the National Citrus Surveillance Coordinator Jeff Milne on 0427 352 742 or jeff.milne@citrusaustralia.com.au

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