

Farm Loans for Biosecurity Measures

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers direct and guaranteed loans to farmers and livestock producers to promote, build, and sustain family agricultural operations for a thriving agricultural economy. Among many other uses, these loans can assist livestock producers with implementation of biosecurity measures on their operations, including, but not limited to:

- Installing physical barriers to facilitate quarantine, to prevent livestock interaction with wildlife, and to prevent unauthorized access by visitors
- Purchase of disinfectant, footbaths, and disposable footwear and clothing
- Veterinary costs related to vaccination and general animal health
- Testing of feed and water sources for toxins and other disease
- Costs associated with responsible manure disposal and management
- Costs associated with cleaning and disinfecting livestock transportation equipment
- Other biosecurity measures recommended by USDA or other applicable agencies

Resources Available for Producers:

- [Loan Assistance Tool](#) –an online tool to help producers better navigate FSA's farm loan process. The Loan Assistance Tool provides producers needing agricultural financing with an interactive, step-by-step guide to:
 - Self-assess eligibility for farm loans.
 - Suggest appropriate loan types for their specific need or situation
 - Provide a comprehensive documentation checklist noting what information should be gathered.
 - Assist with the completion of all appropriate loan application forms.
- [Service Center Locator](#) –helps producers find their local USDA Service Center to receive one-on-one assistance with knowledgeable staff.
- [Farm Loans Overview Factsheet](#) – provides an overview of all FSA direct and guaranteed loans, terms and conditions, and eligibility requirements.
- [Farm Loans Homepage](#) – provides in-depth farm loan information, including additional program fact sheets and related resources.