Facts about biosecurity at the 2017 Oregon State Fair.

• The Oregon State Fair takes biosecurity seriously, and applauds efforts to protect the public through various means, including educational signage.
• The Fair’s goal is to maintain an environment where fairgoers, exhibitors and livestock can coexist in the safest and most enjoyable manner.
• The Fair strives to meet this goal through a combination of:
  o Target Site Assessment
  o Consumer Protection Planning
  o Effective Implementation of Interventions
  o Consistent Record Keeping
• Livestock can sometimes be a source of contamination, including pathogens and zoonotic animal diseases that can pass to humans.
• The Fair recently placed a heightened emphasis on biosecurity to prevent against the spread of harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli.
• Regarding pathogen control, the Fair recently completed a comprehensive assessment of the entire grounds.
  o As a result, the Fair reconfigured signage locations and hand-washing stations, and improved sanitation and record keeping practices in an effort to keep barns as sanitary as possible.
• The Fair recently implemented a comprehensive biosecurity protocol to minimize the risk of disease transmission from animals to humans, as well as from animals to other animals.
  o This protocol includes veterinary inspections of animals prior to entry to the grounds, and/or throughout the Fair.
  o The protocol also requires disinfection of pens and stalls during changeovers from one animal exhibition to the next.
  o Signage that reminds the public the importance of hand washing