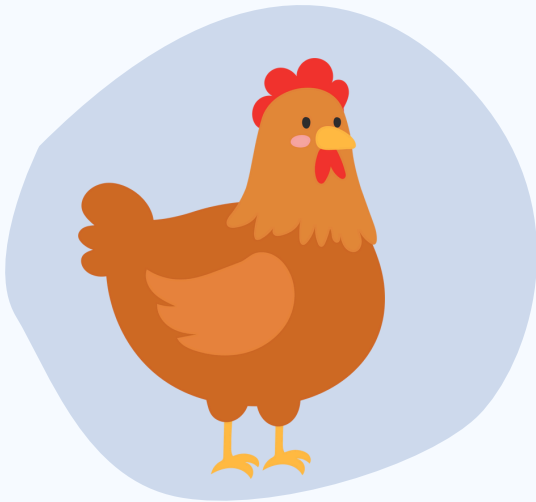


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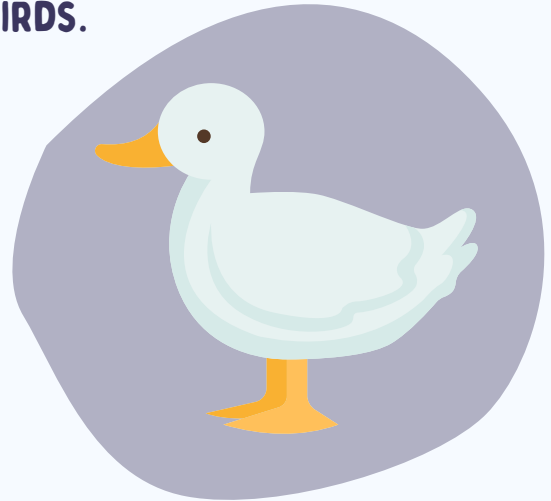
FOLLOW THESE STEPS!



- **KEEP ALL BIRDS IN COOP TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION WITH WATERFOWL DROPPINGS.**
- **REMOVE BIRDHOUSES, FEEDERS, AND BATHS USED BY WILD BIRDS.**



- **COVER CHICKEN COOPS AND RUNS TO PREVENT COMINGLING WITH WATERFOWL.**
- **WEAR DEDICATED CLOTHING AND SHOES THAT SHOULD NEVER LEAVE YOUR FARM.**
- **WASH HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER WORKING WITH BIRDS.**



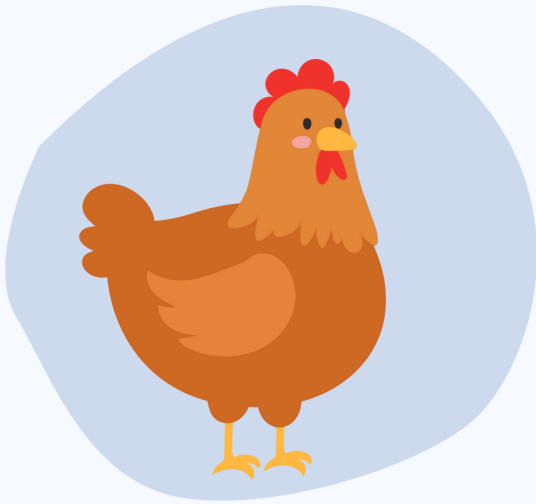
- **CLEAN AND DISINFECT EQUIPMENT IN CONTACT WITH BIRDS OR DROPPINGS, INCLUDING CELLPHONES.**
- **AFTER VISITING PLACES WHERE POULTRY OWNERS CONGREGATE, CLEAN AND DISINFECT YOUR BOOTS BEFORE CARING FOR YOUR OWN BIRDS.**
- **CHANGE FOOD AND WATER DAILY.**

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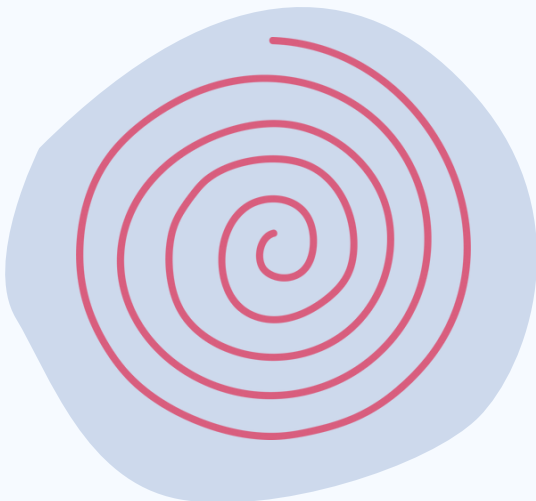


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KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS!



- PURPLE DISCOLORATION OF THE WATTLES, COMBS, AND LEGS
- STUMBLING, FALLING DOWN, DIARRHEA
- SUDDEN DEATH



- LACK OF ENERGY AND APPETITE
- DECREASED EGG PRODUCTION OR SOFTENED/MISSHAPEN EGGS
- SWELLING OF THE HEAD, EYELIDS, AND COMB



REGISTER YOUR FLOCK!
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