





FARM BIOSECURITY



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THOUSAND

There were over 160,000 cattle and calves in Maryland in January 2024!

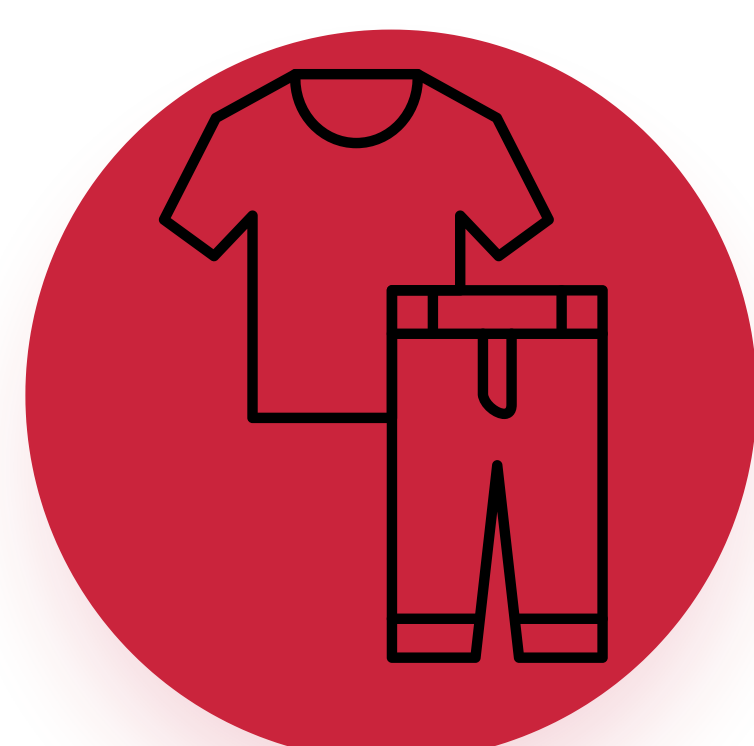


Maryland has a robust commercial poultry industry in addition to thousands of backyard flocks.



Footwear

Have designated footwear to tend to your animals. This footwear should never be worn off the farm. Rubber boots are waterproof and easily cleaned and disinfected.



Clothing

Change clothing upon returning from work, errands, hunting or any other off-site activity. Visitors should wear protective clothing if entering areas where livestock or poultry are kept.



Animal Traffic

Pets, rodents, wild birds, predators and other pests can bring diseases onto a farm. Keep coops and barns secure and feed cleaned up to deter animal traffic.



Report unusual illnesses, deaths and high mortalities to Maryland Department of Agriculture or your veterinarian.



Dead animals should be promptly removed and properly disposed of in a manner that will not attract wildlife.

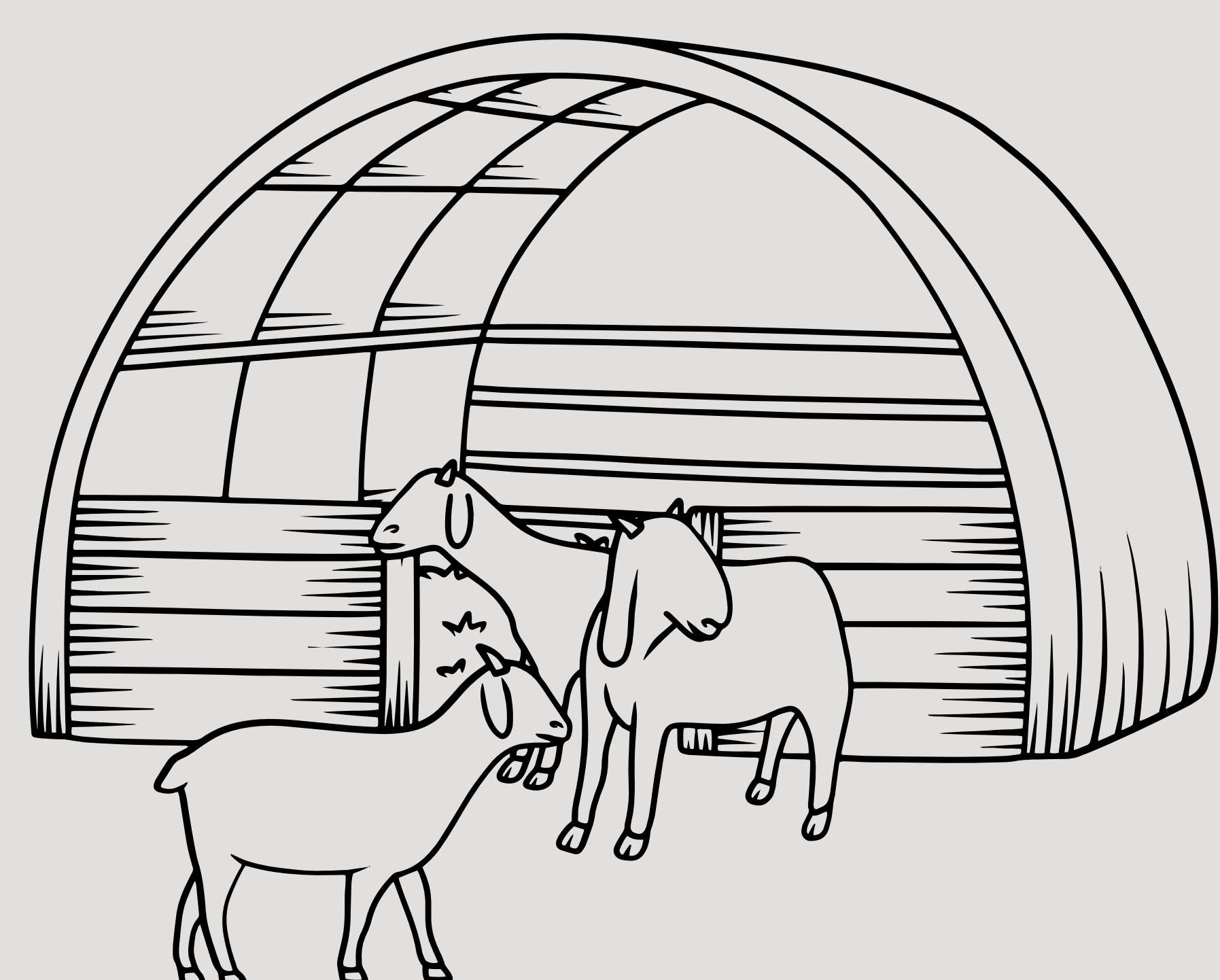
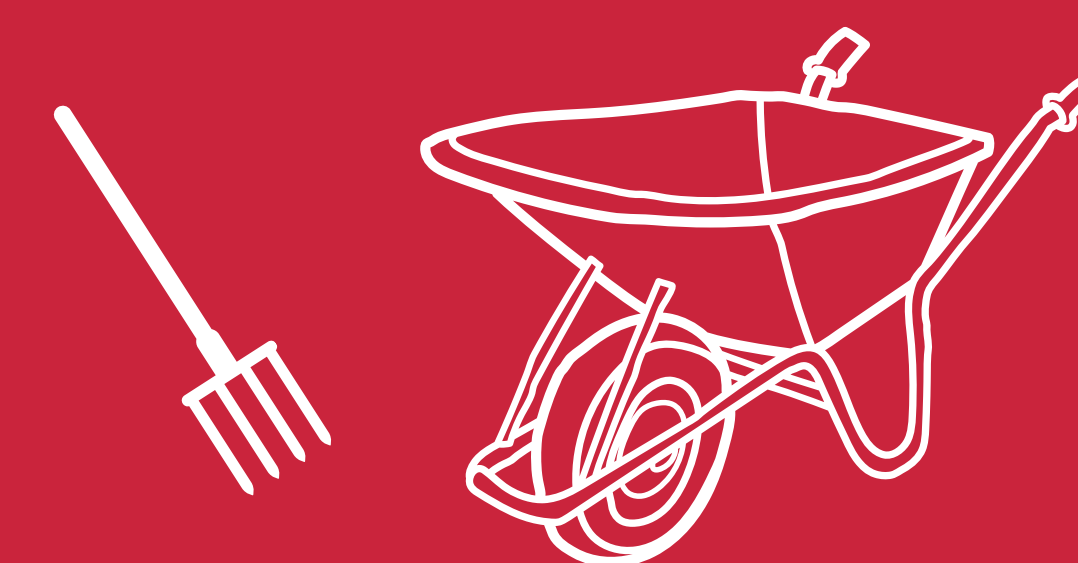


Clean and disinfect your cell phone regularly!

Restrict animals from eating and drinking in areas accessible to waterfowl! One dropping of goose feces can contain enough virus to infect millions of birds!



Ensure that any equipment used in and around the coops and barns is clean and disinfected.



Quarantine new animals and animals that have been off the farm. Species-specific biosecurity screenings should be performed before the animals are released from the quarantine area.

Keeping Our Chickens Healthy



No Admittance Without Owner Permission

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