

# TAKING PART IN A HORTICULTURE FIELD DAY?

## THINK ABOUT BIOSECURITY! HERE ARE SOME EASY STEPS.

Field days are a great way to share information and knowledge in a hands-on way. However, movement of people, goods and vehicles between farms/orchards during a field day can present a biosecurity risk. Pests or pathogens can inadvertently be carried:

- onto the host's property
- back to the attendees' property.

Implementing simple everyday biosecurity practices can help to minimise the biosecurity risk for both hosts and attendees, which is a great outcome for all.

### If you are an **ORGANISER:**

- Include biosecurity messaging on promotional material and in communications with host properties.
- Minimise the number of vehicles and use transport that is not usually used on the farm/orchard if possible.
- Keep a register of all attendees to ensure tracing is possible if required.
- Avoid visiting properties that are known to have high risk pest, pathogen or weed infestations.

### If you are a **HOST PROPERTY:**

- Make sure good biosecurity practices are visible on your property.
- Provide a biosecurity briefing about the actions you'd like visitors to take so that attendees know what you expect of them.
- Ensure that you have a designated and clearly signposted parking area.
- Provide a footwear wash and disinfection station at the point of entry e.g. boot scrubbers and water for cleaning, sanitising spray or a footbath containing an appropriate sanitising product for disinfection.
- Provide hand sanitiser if people will be touching plants or soil.
- Avoid use of other people's tools and equipment for demonstrations, unless they have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected first.
- Monitor the part of your property where the visit took place over time for unfamiliar pests, pathogens or weeds.

### If you are an **ATTENDEE:**

- Make sure your clothing and footwear is clean. Avoid wearing clothes and shoes that you wear on your own farm/orchard.
- Clean and disinfect your footwear between each site during the field day and before returning to your own farm/orchard.
- Follow all biosecurity signage and requests at host properties.



## BE A BIOSECURITY CHAMPION:

HELP TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY AND YOUR SECTOR FROM PESTS AND PATHOGENS.

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