

## Biosecurity Plan Veterinary Review Program Application

Send completed applications to Center for Dairy Excellence ♦ Attn: Melissa Anderson ♦  
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**\*Note:** The Biosecurity Plan Veterinary Review Program is specifically designed to reimburse large animal veterinarians for the time they spend with individual dairy farm clients in Pennsylvania to review biosecurity plans and National FARM Protocols to ensure those plans are well written to document biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. This program will reimburse veterinarians for two hours of time at \$150 per hour for each farm that they assist in reviewing and completing those plans. Grants are available for veterinarians to work with up to 10 farms, with a total grant award of \$3,000 per individual veterinarian. Multiple veterinarians from the same clinic can apply. All funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To qualify as a reimbursable farm, a dairy farm must reside in Pennsylvania and have a signed Veterinarian Client Patient Agreement on file with the veterinarian. The veterinarian must have the farmer sign an affirmation statement that the service was provided and satisfactory to be reimbursed. Funding for this program is provided through Ag Excellence dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Total funding available is \$30,000, or enough to approve ten applicants willing to review 10 dairy farms' biosecurity plans. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and notified of approval. This grant program will be open from April 1 – April 30 or until all ten grants are allocated. Once approved, veterinarians will be provided with a reimbursement sheet to begin using in reviewing farm biosecurity plans. Plan reviews must take place prior to June 15, 2025, with all reimbursement sheets submitted to the Center by June 30, 2025. If requested, the Center will provide biosecurity resource kits and planning templates to applicants to share with dairy farms to assist in completing and reviewing their plans.**

### Applicant Contact Information:

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic/Practice Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Counties in PA served by your practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dairy farms served by your practice: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Herd range of dairy client base (Smallest to largest): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dairy farms you plan to help in reviewing their biosecurity plans: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Total Cows: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you prioritize what farms you will work with to ensure their biosecurity plans are completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your veterinary clinic/practice (including special services, areas of service, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Qualifications:** *\*Please review before submitting application.\**

1. The Center for Dairy Excellence is offering this grant to large animal veterinarians to assist farms in completing and reviewing their biosecurity plans and protocols to ensure preparedness against a disease outbreak. Plans must be completed and reviewed with assistance from the veterinarian between April 15 and June 15, 2025.
2. This grant will reimburse veterinarians, if approved, for two hours of time, valued at \$150 per hour, for each individual farm they assist in completing and reviewing plans, for a total of \$3,000 or for up to 10 farms. Funding is allocated upon acceptance into the program but is on a reimbursement basis with payments made once work is completed.
3. To qualify as an approved expense, a farm receiving assistance must reside in Pennsylvania, be actively producing and marketing milk, and have a signed Veterinarian Client Patient Agreement on record with the veterinarian assisting with completing and reviewing the plans.
4. All dairy farms who receive the assistance must provide written affirmation that the service was provided in order for the veterinarian to submit that assistance for reimbursement.
5. Photos of the completed work are helpful but not required. Grant funds will not be released until the reimbursement form is completed and evidence of the assistance is provided.

**Please check that you agree with the following statements:**

- ☐ I am or will become familiarized with the National Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) Program and the Everyday Biosecurity Plan that is associated with the National FARM Program.
- ☐ I am or will become familiarized with the expectations of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Office related to a farm's biosecurity plan and what is required in order to receive a permit to continue to ship milk in event of being within an HPAI quarantine area.
- ☐ I will work with my clients to ensure they are taking the proper biosecurity measures to prevent against and prepare for a disease outbreak.

***Please check that you agree to provide the following, in exchange for the allocation of funding and support:***

- ☐ Provide invoices /expenses to the Center for reimbursement.
- ☐ Invoices for allocated funds are due to the Center as soon as possible after expenditure has occurred.
- ☐ A W9 must be provided to the center before any expenses are reimbursed. Any funding received through this grant will be considered taxable income by the IRS.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_