

Piggery Presentation Guidelines

Each and every New Zealand pig farm must provide an appropriate environment for pigs raised to produce a quality food. This includes a tidy and secure site.

Farms need to be tidily presented, with buildings and surroundings kept tidy and appropriately maintained, and rubbish disposal well managed. Show the public that you care!

Make sure you can tick “yes” to all the following:

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| | <p><i>The site is secure to control access of people, vehicles and animals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a secure perimeter fence and lock gates • Display a notice at all entry points stating that the property is a biosecure site and uninvited persons are not to enter • Provide instructions to visitors covering what to do on arrival |
| | <p><i>Surroundings are neat and tidy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep grass around buildings under control. Mow, graze or spray regularly • Maintain trees and hedges • Ensure gates are hung properly and fences tidily strung. • Minimise piggery odours as far as is possible including care when choosing areas for the spreading of effluent. |
| | <p><i>Buildings are maintained and functioning well</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep buildings repaired internally & externally Develop flower gardens and/or mown lawns to enhance the piggery's appearance. • Maintain gutters on buildings and keep downpipes unblocked • Provide drainage away from areas where vehicles work, to minimise mud • Ensure sumps do not get blocked/overflow |
| | <p><i>Farm layout, including storage areas, is organised to present a neat and tidy appearance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store any building materials you are likely to re-use tidily, and ideally out of sight • Screen off storage areas for commercial food by-products such as bread and cheese • Locate the incinerator away from the entrance way. (While it might be less convenient for the operator, it will enhance the appearance and smell) |
| | <p><i>Actively manage rubbish disposal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work out a policy for rubbish disposal including recycling bags or containers • Dispose of old pipes and other building materials (concrete, wood, steel mesh, plastic) that will not be used • Ensure that dead pigs or afterbirth buckets are quickly disposed of and not lying around entrance way or shed doors. • Manage composting areas so that no evidence of dead animals is visible. Keep composting areas as tidy as possible and preferably out of sight. |
| | <p><i>Practice good ‘housekeeping’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have ongoing pest control measures in place that substantially prevents any evidence of rodent activity • Keep break room, bathroom and office clean and tidy. Have the location of the office well signposted. |
| | <p><i>Remove dead pigs as soon as is practicable</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferably to the compost/offal pit immediately • If not, put the carcass in a securely closed container immediately |