



Improving Ruminant Biosecurity

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WHEN	13 February - 15 March 2024
COURSE LENGTH	10 hours (4 WEEKS)
PARTICIPANTS	400 (MAX)
FORMAT	English language. Mix of facilitated, online training sessions, self-paced study and helpful resources

Who is the course for?

The primary audience for the course are private and official veterinarians who work regularly with cattle, sheep or goats and frequently visit ruminant farms. However, the course may also be interesting for personnel working for the dairy or beef industry or staff engaged in farm biosecurity.

What will you learn about biosecurity?

Core Modules	Why is biosecurity important
	Key principles of biosecurity
	Animals and vehicles
	Equipment, neighbors, feed and water
	Interaction with dogs, cats, insects, rodents, and birds
	Live animal markets
	Biosecurity assessment
Elective Modules	Biosecurity on dairy farms
	Biosecurity on fattening farms
	Biosecurity on pasture-based farms
	Biosecurity in smallholder farms

What does the course involve?

The course is studied entirely online and will take approximately 10 hours to complete. Around 400 participants can take the course at the same time, and it will be open for four weeks.

The course opens with a live interactive webinar, where trainees meet their trainers, and are introduced to the course. Trainees then progress through **seven interactive core modules**, enriched with photographs, exercises and self-test questions. During the last week participants must choose **at least one of the elective modules** to complete the course.

During the course, expert trainers are available through a discussion forum to answer questions from the trainees, and to lead interactive discussions.

Towards the end of the course, there will be a second live interactive webinar, to discuss about biosecurity assessment and planning in more detail. All trainees must complete a comprehensive final assessment. Successful trainees will receive a certificate.

