



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Animal Feeding Operation Updates



*Changing out plastic or Tyvek booties every time you enter and leave a facility is one biosecurity measure. Spraying disinfectant on your shoes provides additional protection.*

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### Biosecurity Workshops for Pork Producers

It may be time to reconsider biosecurity measures after the recent spread of African Swine Fever in China. Iowa State University is offering workshops for producers, their employees, veterinarians and others who may enter pork production facilities. The two-hour workshop covers case studies, risk management and help for producers in determining their highest priorities.

ISU offers “[Biosecurity Best Practices for Pork Producers](#)” at nine locations starting Nov. 29 and ending Dec. 18. For more information on African Swine Fever, check the Iowa Pork Industry Center’s [website](#).

### Sign Up by Jan. 31 to use the Master Matrix

Counties interested in using the Master Matrix to evaluate construction permit applications for confinement (totally roofed) animal feeding operations must pass and submit a construction evaluation resolution each year. Submit the resolution to DNR between Jan. 1 and 31 for the Master Matrix year that starts in February 2019. Find more information from [DNR](#) or [the Iowa State Association of Counties](#).

## **eMMP —a fast way to handle manure management plans**

The electronic Manure Management Plan -- eMMPs -- is no longer new, but it is a success. Since it rolled out in late March, nearly 45 percent of producers are using the online system to submit their annual MMP updates ([MMP Short Form for Annual Updates](#) DNR form 542-8162). What once took hours – preparing the form, driving to counties for signatures, then submitting it to DNR – now takes minutes. It's easy to submit short forms and pay fees online using a computer, tablet or smart phone.