

New Biocheck.UGent surveys

Biocheck.UGent biosecurity assessment surveys are developed and designed by Biocheck.Gent BV, a spinoff from Ghent University. These surveys are based on the latest scientific information as well as expert opinion worldwide to quantify farm biosecurity levels in an objective and risk-based manner. While surveys were already available for conventional pig, cattle and intensive poultry production systems, three new surveys have been launched with the collaboration of the BIOSECURE consortium partners and other biosecurity experts.

One of the objectives of the **BIOSECURE** project is to extend the Biocheck.UGent surveys towards other areas, animal species, and production systems. As such, Biocheck.UGent has created surveys for small ruminant meat, small ruminant dairy and commercial outdoor pig production.

New Species surveys

Both small ruminant dairy and meat surveys are designed for use in intensive sheep/goat farming, while the outdoor pig survey is designed for commercial outdoor pig farming. Using the surveys will provide you with an individual farm biosecurity level, highlighting strong points and attention areas related to disease prevention. Moreover, the farm will be benchmarked to Biocheck.UGent's worldwide database. This information can act as a basis to develop biosecurity plans and to improve animal disease prevention measures on the farm.

How to use Biocheck.UGent surveys

The surveys are free to use and are easily accessible at the [Biocheck.UGent website](https://www.biocheckgent.com). The surveys are available for different animal species in multiple languages and can be filled out directly online or can first be printed. After completing the free surveys, you receive farm biosecurity scores within a tailored report.

Those who want to make immediate use of the data can benefit from additional advanced features such as an automated feedback report on how to improve the biosecurity of the farm.

Practical Tips

- Biocheck.UGent surveys help you to improve farm biosecurity, highlighting strong and weak points in your disease prevention
- Start with small short-term actions that you can do now and improve from there
- Preventive actions and biosecurity measures should always be maintained, even in the absence of a disease outbreak



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