

## Record Keeping and veterinary drugs



Proper monitoring keeping records of the observations of animals is essential for an early diagnosis of disease conditions. Designing an animal health plan with your veterinarian is a key element for every farm.

## Government Farm-Registration/ Animal Identification



## Veterinary Services Division MANDATE

- Keeping exotic diseases out of Jamaica
- Safeguarding the Livestock Industry
- Facilitating Trade
- Improving Public Health
- Enhancing Food Safety
- Promoting Animal Welfare

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## Good Agriculture Practices for Livestock (GAP)





## What are Good Agriculture Practices?

Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for livestock are routine activities or measures that ensure good animal health and welfare for optimal performance. It focuses on disease prevention and control management programmes.

It means animals will produce more milk, more eggs, more meat.

Healthy animals is a important step to producing safe food.

## Animal Health & Welfare

This involves meeting the animals basic needs:

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
2. Freedom from discomfort
3. Freedom from pain, injury and disease
4. Freedom from fear and distress
5. Freedom to engage in normal patterns of animal behaviour



## Farm Hygiene

Facilities such as animal houses and milking parlors should be cleaned and disinfected every day. A sanitation programme must be put in place indicate the areas to be cleaned, cleaning procedure, frequency of cleaning, the cleaning agents used and person(s)



## Biosecurity

The purpose of biosecurity is to minimize the potential for introducing disease-causing organisms onto your property or animals.



## Farm Location and Facilities



## Waste Management



## Transportation

