



# Feed Room Hygiene & Biosecurity Checklist













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## DAILY TASKS



-  Scrub and disinfect all feed buckets after every feed (inside & out)
-  Leave buckets to dry upside down — do **not** stack them
-  Disinfect feed scoops, stirrers and utensils after each use
-  Use **separate, colour-coded** buckets/scoops for medicated horses
-  Check buckets and scoops for cracks, sharp edges or damage
-  Wipe down all work surfaces (feed bins, countertops, scales etc.)
-  Sweep the feed room floor to remove spills or feed debris
-  Ensure lids are on all feed bins to keep pests and moisture out
-  Wash hands or use hand sanitiser before and after handling feed
-  Keep dogs and other animals out of the feed room









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## WEEKLY TASKS



-  Deep-clean all buckets, stirrers and scoops (even spares)
-  Disinfect feed bin lids, handles, and external surfaces
-  Inspect feed bins for dampness, mould, or spoilage
-  Wipe down door handles, light switches and cupboard knobs
-  Check and clean any measuring equipment or feed scales
-  Review pest traps or signs of rodent/bird/insect activity
-  Reorganise feed storage for FIFO rotation (First In, First Out)
-  Ensure you keep your records updated:
  - Horses on medication
  - Date of feed delivery
  - Feed type and brand
  - Batch numbers and expiry dates
  - Supplier details
  - Storage location (e.g., bin number)










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## MONTHLY TASKS



-  Empty, clean, and disinfect feed bins before refilling with new batches
-  Review all feed labels for expiry dates or contamination risks
-  Check for signs of mould, weevils, or unusual smells in stored feed
-  Deep clean the entire feed room (floor, corners, under bins)
-  Inspect and clean shelving, storage tubs and cupboards
-  Evaluate colour-coding system for medicated vs regular feed tools
-  Service or calibrate weighing scales if used for feed measuring








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## ANNUAL TASKS



-  Review feed room layout for better hygiene and organisation
-  Replace worn or cracked buckets, scoops, or storage bins
-  Schedule professional pest control inspection or treatment
-  Provide staff refresher training on feed hygiene & biosecurity
-  Update and display a Feed Room Biosecurity Policy
-  Audit feed suppliers for quality assurance and hygiene standards
-  Conduct a health & safety risk assessment for the feed room

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## TOP TIPS



Buy feed from **BETA NOPS-assured brands**

### What Is the UFAS NOPS Scheme?

Many reputable feed manufacturers in the UK follow the **BETA NOPS Code** (British Equestrian Trade Association), which is part of the **UFAS** (Universal Feed Assurance Scheme). This ensures:

- Full traceability of ingredients
- Strict sourcing and manufacturing controls
- Minimised contamination risk

Look for the **BETA NOPS logo** on feed bags for peace of mind.





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