

The Perimeter Buffer Area (PBA)



What is the PBA, and Why is it Important?

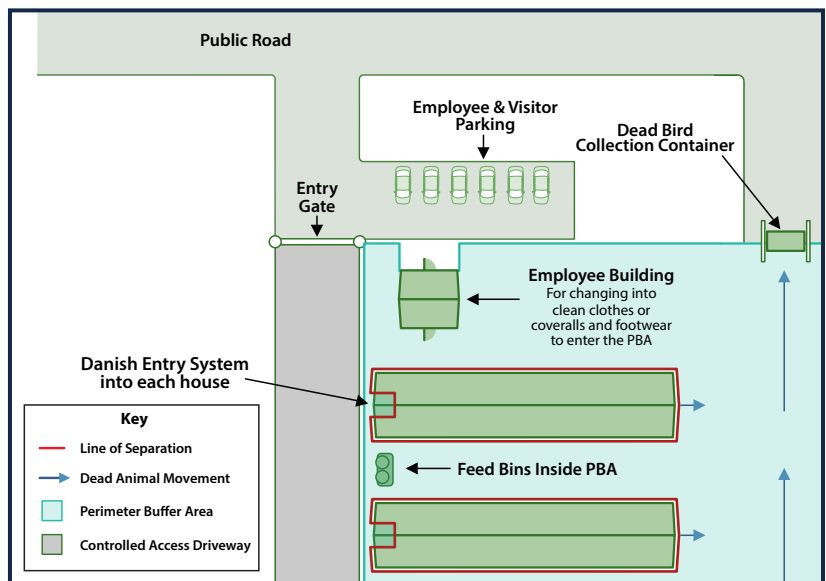
- The **“first line of defense”** to protect the poultry housed within its perimeter
- A functional zone surrounding the poultry houses or poultry raising area that separates them from areas unrelated to poultry production on that site and/or adjoining properties
- May be defined by a perimeter fence or barricade to prevent entry of unauthorized people/vehicles
- The PBA and PBA Access Point(s) are labeled on the site map

The PBA Access Point

- Is clearly marked with signage
- Is the location where the **Biosecure Entry/Exit Procedure** occurs

Movement of People

- Enter only if your job duties require it
- Arrive with reasonably clean clothing and equipment
- Before entering, avoid travelling through areas where vehicles that have not been cleaned and disinfected have driven
- If you enter in a vehicle, remain in the cab of the vehicle
- Follow protocols listed in the biosecurity plan
 - May include putting on site-specific footwear and applying hand sanitizer or wearing gloves



Movement of Poultry

- May require a temporary modification of the PBA according to procedures in the biosecurity plan

Movement of Vehicles, Equipment, and Supplies

- Should be prohibited from entering the PBA unless necessary
 - Vehicles not entering should park in designated area outside of PBA
- May require special accommodations (e.g., staging vehicles for loading/unloading poultry, feed truck delivery booms swinging over the PBA, alternate locations for deliveries)
- All vehicles/equipment should be cleaned and disinfected (C&D) before entry
- Site-dedicated vehicles may be used within the PBA, and do not exit and re-enter without C&D



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