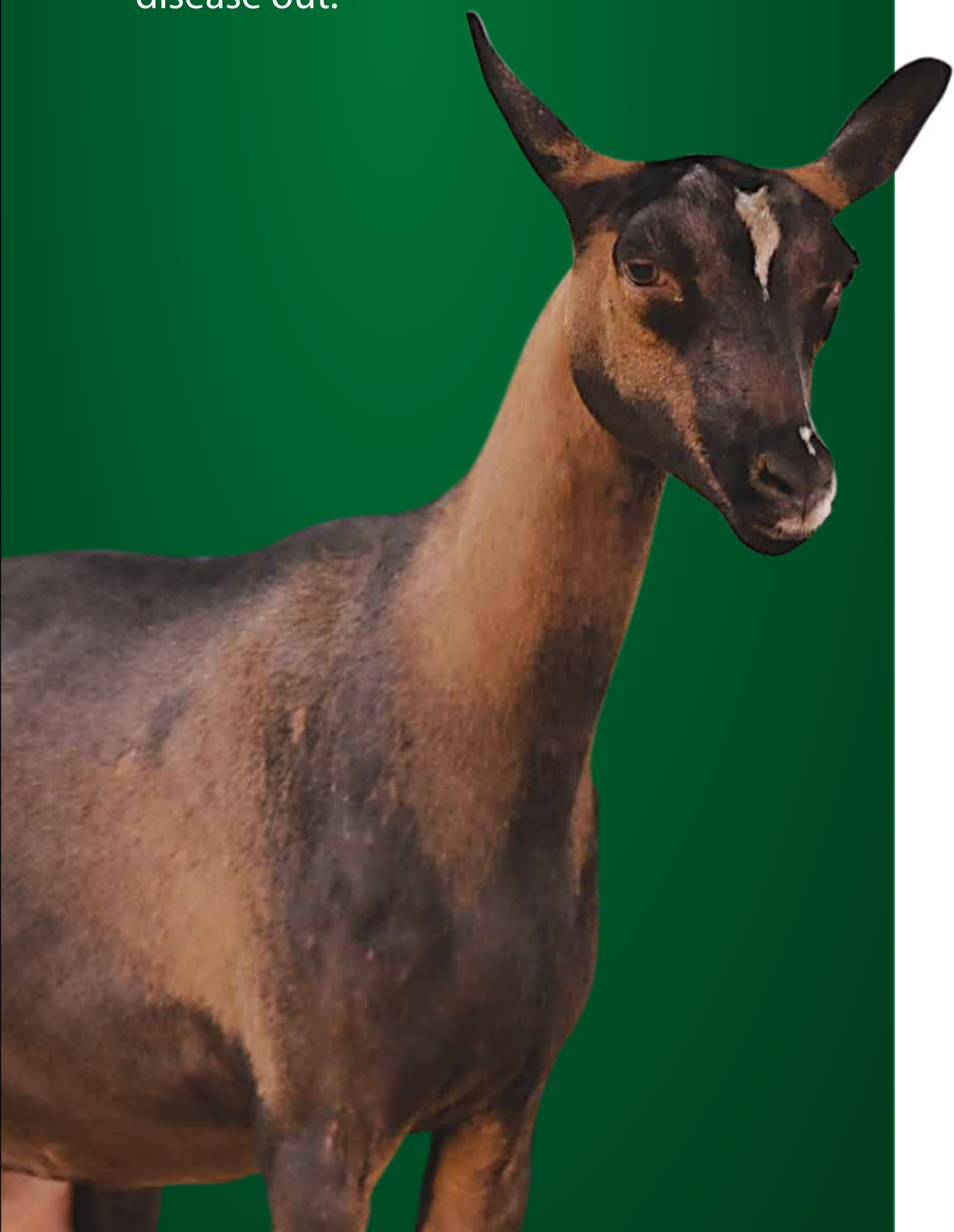# Movement and isolation checklist

GOATS

A disease outbreak in your herd can result in losses and increased costs. Follow these guidelines when introducing animals onto your farm – and reduce the risk to your goats by helping to keep disease out.

Keep your herd healthy:

☑ Clean and disinfect transport trucks and trailers in between loads or ensure that your transporter has an appropriate protocol in place.

☑ If possible, avoid commingling animals during transport or sale.

☑ Do not transport unfit animals.

☑ Limit the introduction of new replacement stock and bucks to those where you know their disease status.

☑ When purchasing bred animals, raise the offspring in an area separate from other kids.

☑ Treat and vaccinate goats of unknown health status when they arrive.

☑ Observe new animals and their response to the new farm site closely and keep them away from your existing herd when they first arrive.

☑ Keep your production areas clean and dry to avoid spread of disease.

☑ Separate newborns from does immediately following birth to avoid transfer of pathogens from mother to offspring.

☑ Isolate sick animals and avoid direct contact between them.

☑ Implement enhanced biosecurity between sick pens and/or quarantine areas and the rest of your herd.

☑ Clean and disinfect equipment used for tattooing, hoof treating or animal health frequently.

☑ Ensure healthy and sick goats do not eat or drink from the same feed or water sources.

☑ Consider contamination risks when moving healthy and sick animals through common alleyways in the barn. Move healthy animals first to avoid disease transmission.

☑ Provide training for your staff on biosecurity protocols.

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