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| Farm Name: F-6.2 Routine Monitoring of Animal Activity During the Production Season  Signature/date of Person writing plan: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature/date of Supervisor review: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Document #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Revision #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Purpose:** Describes how to monitor and manage wildlife and domestic animal activities that could result in contamination of fresh fruit and vegetables during the production season.

**Scope:** Applies to farm personnel including workers, owners, and managers.

**Responsibility:** Fields must be monitored throughout the production season and during harvest to identify wildlife and domestic animal activity that may pose a food safety risk to the crop. This responsibility can be designated to any farm personnel including workers, managers, or owners.

**Materials**

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| Item | Where items are kept |
| *F-6.2 Animal Monitoring Log* |  |

Procedure

*To be completed at least weekly during the production season and more frequently close to harvest. These activities can also be incorporated into daily activities on the farm*.

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| 1. A. Conduct periodic assessments of animal activity (presence, feces, or nesting areas) through the production season and record on the *Wildlife and Domestic Animal Monitoring Log*. | |
|  | Action |
| 1 | Monitor production areas for domestic animal or wildlife activity that may affect the safety of produce crops. |
| 2 | Record monitoring activities in *F-6.2* *Animal Monitoring Log*. |
| 3 | If animal activity is found, devise methods to deter, reduce, or eliminate wildlife or domestic animal activity in produce fields (e.g. constructing fences, using noise cannons, eliminating attractants such as cull piles, or other mitigation strategies) while keeping co-management and natural wildlife habitats in mind. |
| 4 | If you determine there is a significant risk to the crop due to animal activity, refer to *SOP F-6.3 Managing Animal Intrusion and Contamination* |

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| 1. B. Train workers on how to recognize the signs of animal activity and take the correct actions to prevent the contamination of produce. | |
|  | Action |
| 1 | See SOP *Worker Training to Identify, Report, and Respond to Animal Activity in Produce Fields*. |