



ASSESSING ANIMAL ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD



EXAMINE AREA TO BE HARVESTED

FECAL MATTER OR HAZARD OBSERVED

What is an animal hazard?
Animal hazards can include evidence of feeding, feathers, skin, fecal matter, or other signs of animals present in the area to be harvested in sufficient quantity and number to suggest that the crop may be contaminated.

NO FECAL MATTER OR HAZARD OBSERVED

ASSESS HAZARD AND POTENTIAL RISK

Determining potential hazards and risks
Look at each of the following in relation to harvest area

- Volume and concentration of feces/hazard
- Frequency of signs and sightings
- Are species gathering or migrating
- Potential to transport pathogens
- Proximity to crop

PROCEED WITH HARVEST!

**MEDIUM/HIGH HAZARD
ELEVATED RISK OF CONTAMINATION**

**LOW HAZARD
LOW RISK OF CONTAMINATION**

**TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION
CONSULT SUPERVISOR OR FARM FOOD SAFETY PLAN***

STOP HARVEST

**IF UNABLE TO RESOLVE
DO NOT HARVEST
CONTAMINATED PRODUCE**

* If your farm does not have a food safety plan, establish your corrective actions and communicate to harvesters (e.g. create a buffer zone, dispose of the hazard, or dispose of the impacted produce).