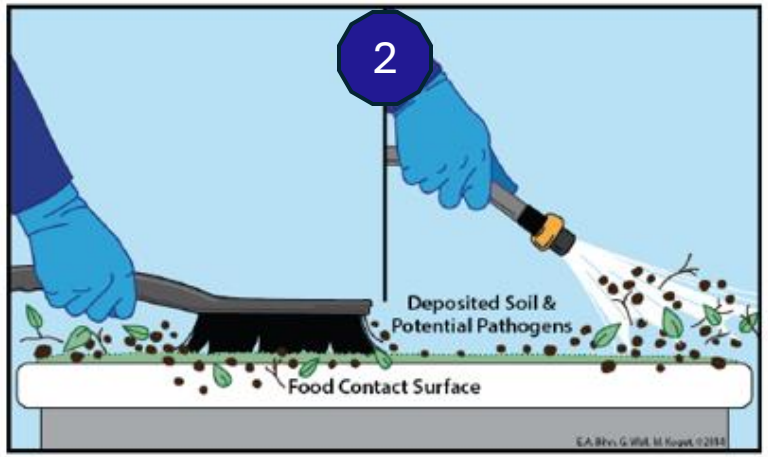
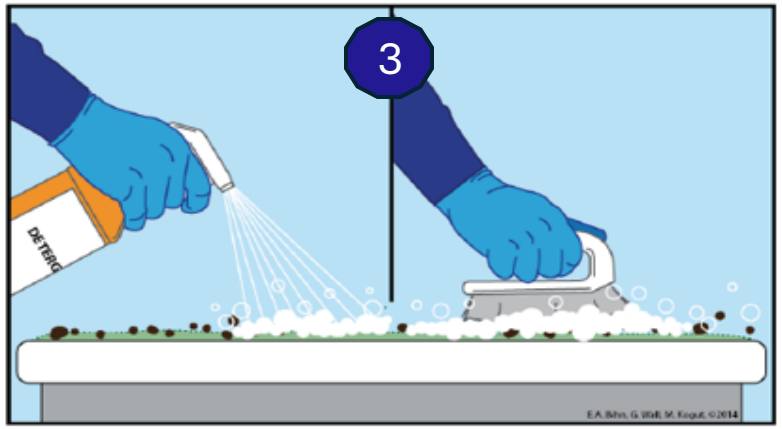
Thorough Cleaning, defined:

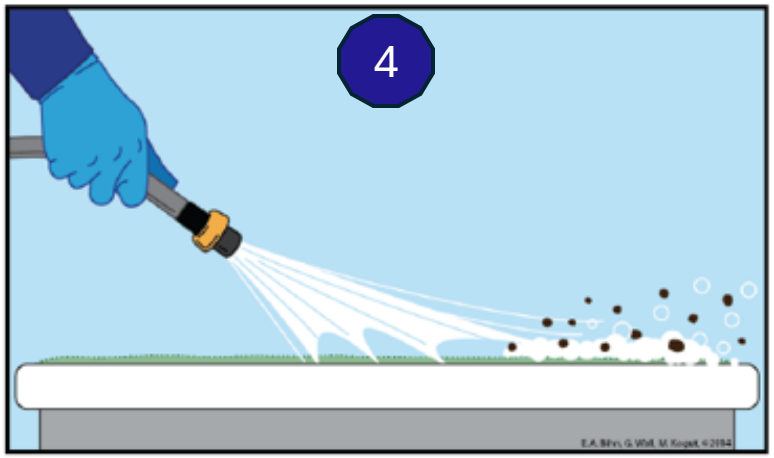
A multi-step process focued on scrubbing a surface with clean water and detergent to remove visible dirt or grime (along with resident microbes) and then rinsing. Sanitization of a surface *after* cleaning is recommended but not required. Sanitizing does not replace cleaning; it is also not effective *before* cleaning a surface.**

It is up to each farm to determine the frequency of cleaning. Cleaning should be both thorough and frequent enough to prevent the build-up of the dirt, grime, and biofilm that can harbor pathogens.

****Why Sanitize AFTER cleaning?** Sanitizer is not effective if used on a dirty surface. Following the product's label, sanitization will kill microbes that remain exposed on a surface AFTER cleaning. Sanitizer should only be used AFTER cleaning because unlike soap, it does not remove dirt and grime, and it is not strong enough to penetrate and kill resident microbes embedded therein.







CAPS SOPs
Cleaning **Contact Surfaces**

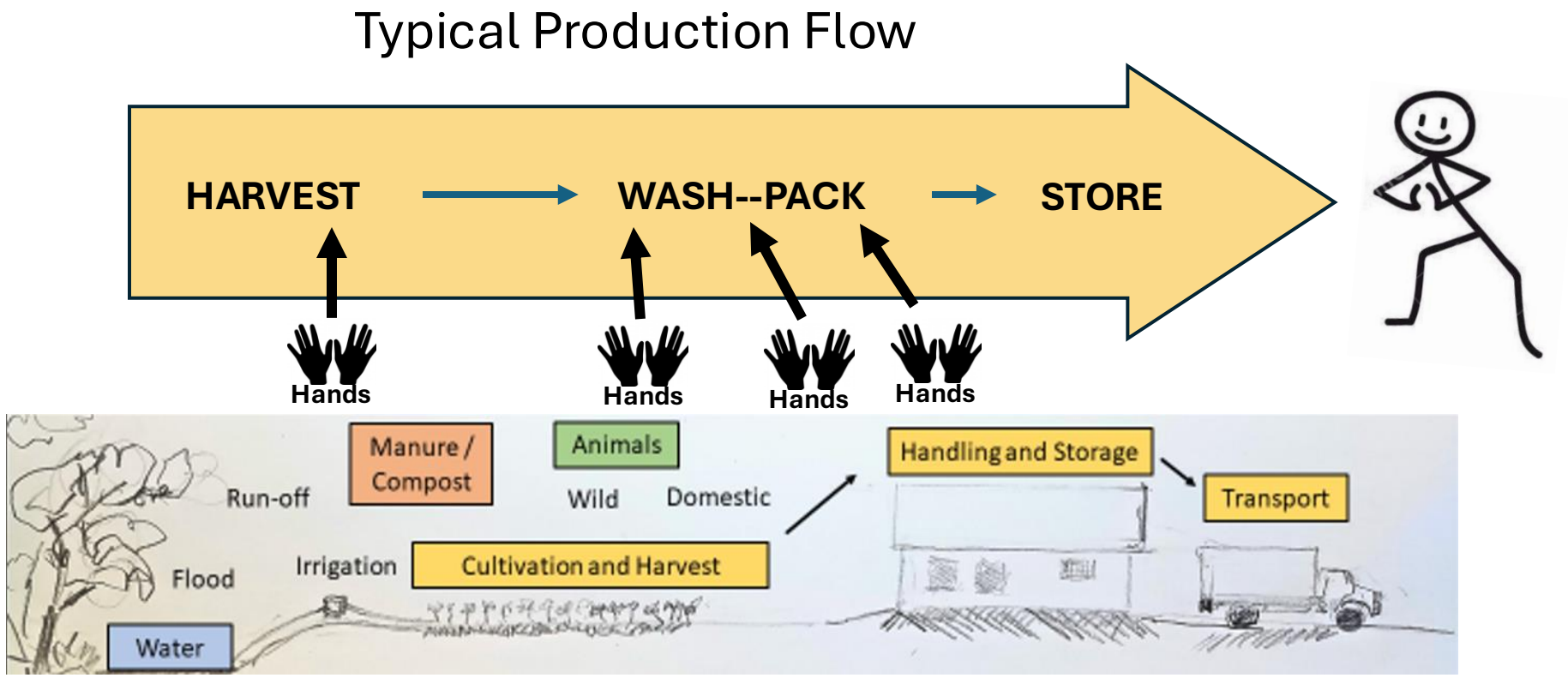
Cleaning, **dissolves and washes away most microbes** along with their habitat (i.e. dirt, grime, and biofilm)

Clean contact surfaces with this multi-step process:

1. Visually inspect
2. Remove debris
3. Scrub with detergent
4. Rinse

✓***For*** *maximum risk mitigation* ***SANITIZE*** *to kill any remaining microbes left on surfaces* ***AFTER CLEANING***

CAPS CORE Practices

CLEAN THESE CONTACT SURFACES …from Field to Customer

- Hands (and gloves if used)
- Blades, harvest totes and bins, etc.
- Dunk tanks, spinners, tabletops, pack-out containers, etc.)
- Indirect contact surfaces (Ice Machine hopper and scoop, fill-hose nozzle, etc.)