

ANIMAL HANDLING

Animal handling is a term that describes how humans work with, respond to, and interact with animals within their surroundings. This includes all species, and all parts of production.

Proper animal handling is an essential part of good animal husbandry. It benefits the animals you care for, creates a desirable working atmosphere, and benefits the customers you serve. Proper handling techniques help maintain production quality and effectively reduces stress on cattle and people. It also reduces stress on facilities and equipment and leads to better management of your farm or ranch.



HANDLING FACTORS:

HANDLING TECHNIQUES · HERD HEALTH PROGRAMS
ANIMAL & HUMAN BEHAVIOR HABITS · FACILITIES
EQUIPMENT · CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS

Several factors will help you practice proper animal handling. These factors relate to four key areas: common sense, commitment, patience and practice.

HANDLING RESOURCES

Successful producers pay close attention to the things that impact their herd and play important roles in the unique management of each herd. Using educational resources can explain the specific topics that impact your farm or ranch, including animal handling. There are many resources that can help you learn more about the factors that will help you implement proper animal handling.

YOUR RESOURCES:

- 1 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**
Cooperative Extension agents provide regionally-focused outreach seminars, electronic & print publications, including newsletters & workbooks.
- 2 INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS**
These experts are trained in animal handling, behavior & animal welfare, Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) specialists, and veterinarians.
- 3 HANDS-ON LEARNING**
There are opportunities to attend industry-sponsored seminars, short-courses and tutorials specializing in specific cattle handling topics, as well as general beef cattle management.