
Standard Operating Procedure for Shipping Cattle

Farm: _____

Ensure all Cattle are identified using approved Dairy Tags (NLID)

Check Treatment record to ensure that all cattle going to slaughter have met all withdrawals.

Check Broken Needle Record

Pass all information on the purchaser

Assess cattle

- Assess every animal prior to loading
- Do not transport:
 - Non-ambulatory animals
 - Animals that are emaciated or weak
 - Animals with severe lameness or that cannot bear weight on all four legs, except to a veterinary clinic for veterinary treatment or diagnosis.
- Do not transport animals that are likely to give birth during the intended journey or that require hobbling in order to walk.

Prepare

- Feed new-born calves at least 4L of colostrum prior to loading
- Feed and water dairy cattle within 5 hours of loading, if the expected duration of the trip is longer than 24 hours from time of loading

Load

- Only experienced and trained handles should load cattle
- Avoid the use of electric prods
- Ensure cattle that are incompatible are segregated

Other information/instruction concerning shipping cattle:
