



CALF CARE &
QUALITY
ASSURANCE

PROPER CALF HANDLING IS Everyone's RESPONSIBILITY



Human and animal safety is critical when moving animals. Handle calves calmly and quietly, using low-stress handling techniques and gentle guidance.

Calves can be stimulated to get up by rubbing along the spine from hips to shoulders once or twice.



Flags, plastic paddles, or other moving aids can be used to encourage movement.

Electric prods should only be used in an emergency and not on calves less than 3 months old. Do not use tools to strike animals.

Remember, these are young animals and require extra patience as they learn to move and behave like cattle.



Provide non-ambulatory animals with access to feed, water, and protection from heat and cold. Isolate from ambulatory animals and protect from predators.



Move calves to their destination by walking them or lifting them safely and efficiently. For short-distances, gently support the animal from under the neck and under the loin or around the rump.

Consider using tools such as a calf cart, wheelbarrow, or similar, which can provide secure, safe transport.

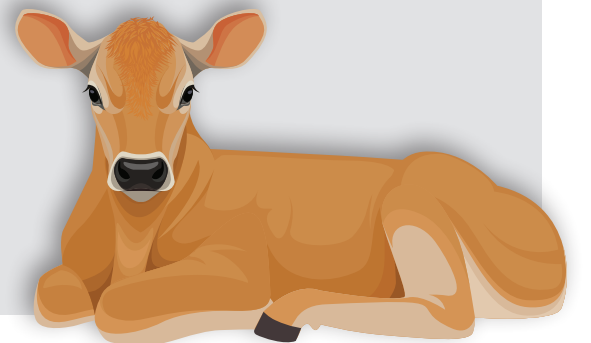


Do not drag, pull, throw, or toss calves.

Do not catch calves by the neck, ears, limbs, tail, or other extremities.



Never market sick, injured or non-ambulatory animals.



A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY FOR UNACCEPTABLE HANDLING MUST BE IN PLACE FOR THE OPERATION.

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