



Six –point guide for clean cattle at slaughter

Provide adequate bedding

Where bedding is used, it should be kept clean and dry. If possible source bedding in advance or consider using alternative bedding. Stock kept outdoors must be able to access a dry laying area and have adequate shelter.

Health Plan

Implementation of an effective health plan will ensure animals are sufficiently free from internal parasites, therefore reducing the incidence of dirty livestock.

Diet

Total Mixed Rations (TMR) for ruminants should ideally be 45% DM to ensure the best consistency of the dung. If feeding outside, feeders should be moved regularly to avoid build-up of contamination.

Building Design

Sheds that are well ventilated and have good drainage not only keep cattle cleaner but may require less bedding.

Prevent overstocking

Consideration should be given to the stocking densities, as this may affect cattle cleanliness.

Transportation to Slaughter

Trailers should be clean and disinfected. Avoid mixing animals of different groups to prevent animals from becoming unsettled.