



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Business Information

Animal Health and Welfare

Is your stock fit to enter market?

Incidents of animals being brought to market when not fully fit are less prevalent than a few years ago. However, action still has to be taken against some stockowners, including recent prosecutions that have incurred heavy fines.

It is very important and in everyone's interest, not least that of the animals, for stock sent to market to be of good quality and fit.

In particular, farmers and vendors should give attention to:

Lameness

Cases are still coming to light, particularly in sheep and pigs.

Are you checking animals at walking pace before they are loaded?

Animals that are unsound should not be sent to market.

If slaughter is decided upon, send direct to a slaughterhouse locally, but consider the need for a casualty slaughter self certification. You may only transport a casualty animal for slaughter purposes if you are confident it will not be caused any unnecessary pain, distress or suffering due to the process of transportation.

Horned cattle and sheep

Please do not enter cattle or sheep with 'ingrowing' horns at markets. Such animals should not be transported. 'Ingrowing' horns are a sign of poor stockmanship. Horns should be trimmed before tips grow close to the head or eyes.

Animals likely to give birth

Any animal likely to give birth should not be exposed for sale in a market.

Please turn over...

Ring worm

The only satisfactory evidence of successful treatment is the disappearance of scabby lesions. Untreated animals should not be entered at markets.

Orf

Orf is a danger to both sheep and man. Visibly affected animals should not be sent to market.

Your reputation

As a producer/stockman/haulier your reputation could suffer, to say nothing of your pocket, if you fail to recognise unfit animals and transport them to market.

Further details and clarification can be obtained from The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Divisional Veterinary Officer, Ceres House, 2 Searby Drive, Lincoln, LN2 4DW. Tel: (01522) 529951. Fax: (01522) 560668 or the Trading Standards Service.



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