

General Care

Ohio Livestock Care Standards



Unless otherwise noted, the responsibility for ensuring these livestock care standards are being kept falls on the person who owns or has responsibility for or custody of the animal(s).

Care and Handling

- Animals **must** receive a sufficient quantity and quality of feed and water on a regular basis.
- Livestock handling equipment and devices **must** be designed and maintained in order to minimize bruising and injury and **must** be used humanely.
- When restraint is required, it **must** be minimal in degree and duration, and it **must** minimize the potential for injury.
- Livestock **cannot** maliciously or recklessly be thrown, dropped or dragged.

Housing and Facilities

- Livestock housing and handling facilities must be designed to **minimize** bruising and injury.
- Livestock housing should provide reasonable protection from adverse weather conditions and from predators.
- Generally, all animals **must** have room to lie down at the same time and easily stand back up.
- All animals **must** have access to feed and water without excessive competition.
- Adequate lighting **must** be available for inspection purposes.

Health

- All practices and procedures pertaining to the health and medical treatment of livestock must be performed so as to **minimize** distress.
- All prescription and extra-label use medication **must** be obtained and administered with the advice and involvement of a licensed veterinarian.
- Livestock must also be monitored regularly for evidence of disease, injury and parasites and if evidence of any of these ailments is found, corrective measures **must** be taken.

To download a more comprehensive overview of Ohio's livestock care standard, please visit www.ohiolivestockcarestandards.gov

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