



Improved Animal Handling Techniques

Putting them into practice

Five Reasons To Use The Techniques You Learn Today

1. Safety
2. Time
3. Money
4. Stewardship
5. Requirement

Safety for whom?

- You
- Your family
- Hired help
- Friends and neighbors
- Truckers
- Auction market employees
- Feedlot employees

Saving Time

- Why would you save time using these methods?
 - If you use an animal's natural tendencies, they will move much easier and quicker.
- Where will you save time?
 - In handling
 - In weight gain
 - In trips to the hospital

Dollars

- How can proper animal handling make or save you money?
 - Rate of gain
 - Shrink
 - Demand

Stewardship

- Stewardship: The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care
- Do the right thing:
 - For the animal
 - For yourself
 - For everyone who works with them
 - For the consumer

The Premium market will require it

- Tyson imposes animal welfare requirements on beef producers
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 - As consumers grow more concerned with animal welfare issues, Tyson says beef producers will have to follow on-farm requirements for animal treatment next year if they want to work with the major meat processor.
 - Tyson made the decision after receiving customer feedback from major food companies including Whole Foods and McDonald's. Tyson already requires it's hog producers to follow specific guidelines and will now enforce it's higher animal welfare standards on beef and poultry producers.
 - The animal-handling practices will be implemented by a third-party auditor who will visit farms to ensure compliance.
 - Many of the practices are already being used, so for some the change will be in the requirement to document their practices.
 - The company's FarmCheck program ensures the best practices for the farm which are reviewed by a panel of 13 animal welfare experts.