



Safe Transportation Of Livestock

To prevent injury or death to himself or his livestock, a handler must use caution while loading his animals and attempt to foresee hazards which may cause them injury in transport.

To protect himself and his stock the handler must remember to—

- . . . use at least two people to load the animals so they can be herded into the truck. It is least desirable to lead them. Never lead livestock into a truck unless it has an escape door or front exit;
- . . . be calm and confident. A nervous handler or loader causes nervous livestock;
- . . . load animals slowly and carefully, preventing confusion and lessening the chance of shipping fever. Vaccinate against shipping fever if necessary;
- . . . remove halters or other equipment from the animal before loading;
- . . . wear gloves as a safeguard against cuts, splinters, rope burns, etc.;
- . . . separate classes of livestock by using partitions;
- . . . dehorn cattle prior to shipment to prevent them from hurting other animals or themselves;
- . . . use canvas slappers rather than clubs or whips;
- . . . eliminate protruding nails, broken boards, and machinery or equipment from inside the truck;

- . . . use bedding to prevent slick floors;
- . . . protect livestock from the weather by covering the trailer when necessary.

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Number Of Cattle For Safe Loading In A Truck

Floor Length	Average Weight of Cattle, Lbs.					
	450	600	800	1000	1200	1400
(Ft.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)
8	8	7	5	4	4	3
12	13	10	8	7	6	5
18	20	16	13	11	9	8
24	27	22	17	15	13	11
30	34	27	22	19	16	14
42	48	39	31	28	22	20

Number Of Sheep Per Deck For Safe Loading In A Truck

Floor Length	Average Weight of Sheep, Lbs.			
	60	80	100	120
(Ft.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)
8	28	23	20	18
12	43	35	31	28
18	65	54	48	43
24	88	73	65	58
30	110	92	81	73
36	133	110	98	88

Number Of Hogs & Calves For Single-Deck Trucks For Safe Loading

Floor Length	Average Weight of Animals, Lbs.		
	150	200	300
(Ft.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)
8	21	18	13
15	39	33	24
24	62	52	38
30	77	66	47

Number Of Hogs & Calves For Double-Deck Trucks For Safe Loading (Divide Equally Between Decks)

Floor Length	Average Weight of Animals, Lbs.			
	150	200	250	350
(Ft.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)	(No.)
10	41	36	30	23
15	62	54	45	34
20	83	72	61	46
28	116	101	86	64
32	133	115	97	73

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