

New Feeder Steers Need Special Care

If you recently bought feeder cattle, chances are good that they have been under considerable stress for several days.

Calves need special care to keep them from coming down with disease and get them off to a good start, says Dr. Robert Hammond, Extension veterinarian at the University of Maryland.

If you bought healthy, alert cattle, only a small amount of preparation should be necessary to get them settled in their new home.

Remember, some calves may

have been on the road for several days. Load them gently into the truck and avoid overcrowding. However, cattle ride better if they are reasonably close together. Try to avoid long waits—especially in the summertime when the truck has to set in the hot sun. Be sure the truck exhaust fumes don't seep into the bed.

Pasture Helps...

Many feeders prefer to put new cattle in a well-fenced grass pasture for a week or two before putting them in the feed lot. But if you do this, be sure they have shade and plenty of water. And be sure the pasture is small enough that you can see all the calves every day.

If the cattle go directly into

the feed lot, it should be ready before they arrive. Have it cleaned and bedded. Look for and remove sharp nails and loose boards that could injure nervous calves. Move them as little as possible for the first ten days or so. Look them over several times a day, but do it quietly — and keep the dog away.

Check for Disease...

Look for signs of disease during the first few days. Be alert for animals that stand apart from the herd and appear to be listless. Coughing or shallow, rapid breathing may indicate pneumonia. Carefully and quietly separate questionable animals and have them examined by your veterinarian.

Watch for Shipping Fever...

There is no sure way to prevent cattle from coming down with the complex of diseases known as shipping fever. However, the length of time an animal is sick and the amount of weight loss are directly related to stress. Veterinarians use shipping fever serum, antibiotics and sulfonamides for treatment, but good care helps speed recovery.

Scours May Mean Trouble...

Most new feeder calves will show some signs of diarrhea, but this is usually from excitement and probably nothing to worry about if the cattle are alert and active.

However, if scours last more than about four days, and the cattle run a slight fever, it is

a good idea to ask your local veterinarian to check them.

Check for Parasites...

After cattle have been in the feedlot for about 10 days, check them for both internal and external parasites.

Collect a few teaspoonsful of fresh manure from the droppings of 10 animals. Put this material in a small jar and take it to your veterinarian for microscopic examination. By a simple laboratory procedure, he can tell what type and how many worms are in your cattle. Clean, dry surroundings will help in keeping your cattle from picking up new infestations.

Lice and ticks cause cattle to do a lot of rubbing and scratching. They make cattle unthrifty and give them a ragged appearance. Check the calves for external parasites and spray or "pour on" insecticides before cold weather to help your cattle use feed efficiently. Check with your veterinarian or county agent for the materials to use.

Other Problems...

Ringworm, an unsightly skin disease, can usually be avoided by giving your feeder cattle enough room and keeping the pen clean, dry and well lighted. An outbreak of ringworm may indicate a Vitamin A deficiency.

Foot rot can usually be eliminated by draining or filling in all wet spots in the feedlot. Remove any sharp stones or other material that might cause foot injury. Veterinarians say that feed additives have been very little help in controlling foot rot.

If you change silage or grain types, do it gradually over a period of time to help prevent bloat. Coarse mixed hay fed free choice along with any change in grain or silage feeding, will also help.

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