

Biosecurity recommendations for attending livestock auction markets

This is a set of recommendations for livestock owners to protect the health of their animals when going to an auction market.

Before departing for the market

- Check animals for any signs or symptoms of illness or disease before loading and leave sick animals at home.
- Clean and preferably disinfect your trailer and ensure it and vehicles are free of visible manure on the tires or wheel wells.
- Change into your market boots and leave your barn boots home.
- Make sure you have your records and animals officially identified before departing.
- Minimize animal stress when hauling by providing adequate space and ventilation.

At the market

- Follow unloading directions at the market and check in with the market veterinarian for any special instructions or procedures.
- Stay out of animal holding areas and avoid contact with animals during the sale.
- Don't share equipment or materials from your trailer with other sellers.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and dry them well after handling animals.

Returning home from the market

- Maintain a copy of your records from the market.
- Change out of your market boots and back into your home boots.
- Unload any new animals into a pen or area separate from your home herd and keep them separate for at least three weeks while monitoring for signs of illness. Take care of these animals after caring for your home herd.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and dry them well after handling animals.