

Cattle Handling/Careers



DID YOU KNOW?



Career: An occupation requiring special training, followed as one's lifework.



Disposition: Refers temperament and attitude of animals when handled.



Corral: Fenced-in area where cattle are held prior to entering the chutes.



Cattle Gates: Used to separate pens and sort livestock into groups.



Squeeze Chute: Equipment that holds animals for treatment purposes.



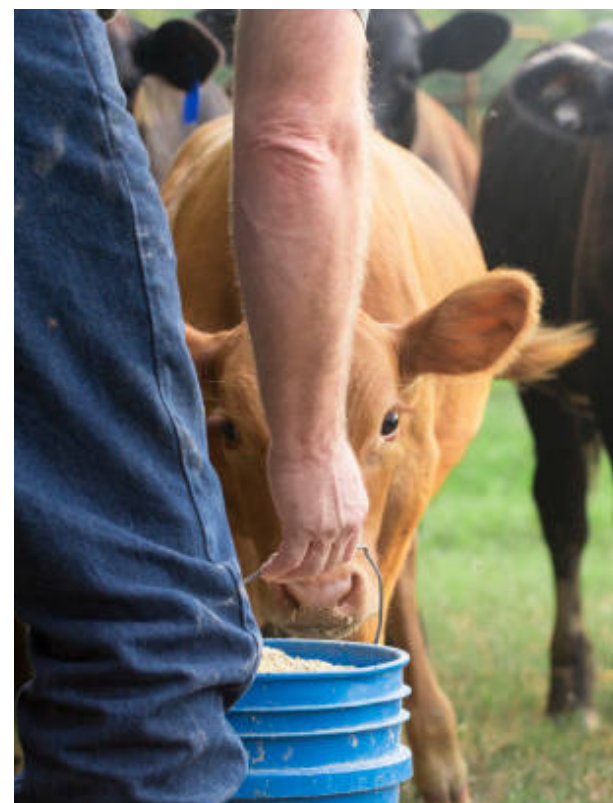
Holding Pen: An area animals are kept in prior to being worked through the cattle chutes.

CAREERS

There are many different careers within the beef industry. Jobs can vary from on the farm to in the office. The possibilities are endless, but many beef careers incorporate education, sales or marketing, production, health, nutrition, reproduction, and/or food safety.

Examples:

- Extension Specialist
- Veterinarian
- Feed Sales
- Feedlot management
- Nutritionist
- A.I. Technician
- Food Safety Inspector



HANDLING PROCEDURES



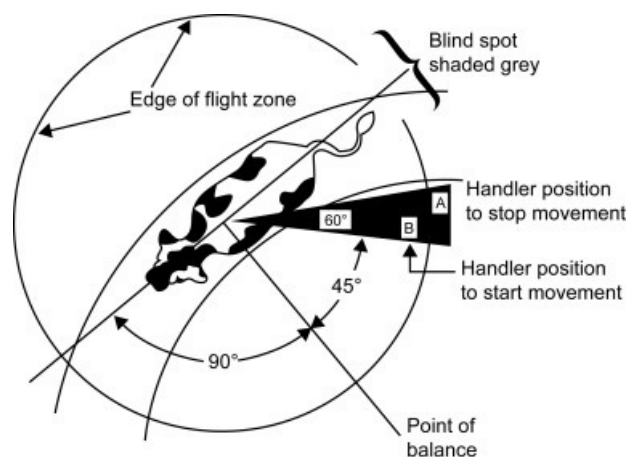
Handling procedures adapt to particular situations; for example, It takes an extra step of precaution when animals are out in the open verses in the chute. It is important to understand the cow's flight zone because it will reduce stress on the animal and the likelihood of injuries. A cow's flight zone is the distance form an animal that a handler must maintain for the animal to feel safe. This includes the point of balance which is located at the cow's shoulder. To move a cow forward, you should be positioned behind it's shoulder.

SAFETY

Safety is the most important thing when working with livestock. If proper care and safety precautions aren't considered, it can become a dangerous situation for both the calf and the farmer.

Safety procedures to follow while working with cattle:

- Avoid approaching cattle in their blind spots.
- Establish a routine for cattle to follow.
- Make sure you have a plan of action and know an escape route.
- Avoid using loud noises and quick movements when working.
- Always work with at least one other person



FUN BEEF FACTS

- Cattle have a difficult time judging distances.
- You should work at a 45-60 degree angle so you can stay in the cattle's field of vision.
- The U.S. produces about 25% of the world's beef.
- Cows are very social and don't like to be alone.



JOKE OF THE DAY

What do you call a cow with no legs?

Ground Beef!

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