



# FARM SAFETY CHECK

## LIVESTOCK FACILITIES & HANDLING SAFETY CHECKLIST

Stressed livestock are more likely to injure themselves, their handlers, and are more difficult to work with. Providing stockmanship training for workers handling livestock is key to preventing injuries. There may also be changes you can make in your buildings, gates, and working areas that will minimize distractions and startling objects. Check in on your buildings and animal safety this month to keep yourself and animals safe!

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at:

<http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

Potential Hazard	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Do all workers receive appropriate stockmanship training to handle livestock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the working lanes towards chutes curved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are livestock able to follow other animals ahead of them when being worked or moved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is lighting uniform to prevent large shadows in barns and working areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you minimizing strange sights, like random coats, coffee mugs, or tools, when working cattle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do loading ramps and chutes have solid sidewalls to prevent distractions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the floor uniform with enough traction? Cattle will balk at changes in color, texture, or depth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are your alleys adequate? Cattle move uphill easier than down, as long as the slope of the ramp is no more than 20 degrees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Name of person completing safety check: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**



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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Stockmanship

Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center

<http://umash.umn.edu/stockmanship/>

### Safety Recommendations For the Stable, Barn Yard, and Horse/Livestock Structures

Rutgers Cooperative Extension

<http://nasdonline.org/1164/d000958/safety-recommendations-for-the-stable-barn-yard-and.html>

### Cattle Handling and Working Facilities

Ohio State University Extension

<https://agmr.osu.edu/sites/agmr/files/imce/pdfs/Beef/CattleFacilities.pdf>

### Behavioral Principles of Livestock Handling

Mountain Scholar

<https://mountainscholar.org/bitstream/handle/10217/4354/ANIS100016.pdf;sequence=1>

### Stockmanship Part 2 - How a Cow Uses Her Sense

Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvjUnw-oKEc&list=PLIbuCb2ltnsno0vImfH59Mh\\_WjZJ4gjaE&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvjUnw-oKEc&list=PLIbuCb2ltnsno0vImfH59Mh_WjZJ4gjaE&index=2)

### Certified Safe Farm - Checklist for Animal Handling Facilities

Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health

[https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/\\_documents/bison-handling-checklist-2016.pdf](https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/_documents/bison-handling-checklist-2016.pdf)

*The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to insure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.*

For additional Farm Safety Check topics and resources, visit: <http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

To receive Farm Safety Check topics via email, join the UMASH email list at <http://umash.umn.edu/join-our-email-list>

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