



Animal Handling Guides for Dairies

Part 1: Using Predictable Animal Behavior to Increase Milk Production

Link to resources: <http://umash.umn.edu/training-guides-dairy>



Learning Objectives

- ◆ Identify factors that impact livestock well-being.
- ◆ Define stockmanship.
- ◆ Understand how cattle behavior impacts the way handlers work with them.
- ◆ Understand the benefits of good cattle handling practices.



Watch Video

- ◆ View (2:07 minutes) Stockmanship Part 1 - Using Predictable Animal Behavior to Increase Milk Production:

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GANJhrNNPfi&feature=youtu.be>

Spanish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=4x-9IZk3GeM



Discuss

- ◆ What is stockmanship?
- ◆ Why is stockmanship important?
- ◆ List reasons why it's important to have good stockmanship handling practices. What are some examples of "good" practices?
- ◆ Discuss how evolution makes a cow's behavior predictable and how that helps to understand the best cattle handling practices.
- ◆ Discuss factors that impact livestock well-being. What experiences do you have or know of that you can share?



Take the Quiz (online or pdf download)

- ◆ Each person taking the training should take the quiz.



Additional Resources (optional)

- ◆ Watch (7:00 minutes) Stockmanship - Working Cattle Through Your Facility - A video to help with cattle handling.
- ◆ Watch (27:06 minutes) Dairy Stockmanship - A training video to help with handling and safety of stockmanship. It includes interactive questions to use while watching the video.
- ◆ Read: On Pasture: Translating research and experience into practices you can use NOW! to get recent news, tips and stories about stockmanship.
- ◆ Search Stockmanship in YouTube for just in time training and stories to help you with stockmanship practices.
- ◆ Access the quiz answer keys online under each Additional Resources accordion menu.