



# Animal Handling Guides for Dairies

## Part 3: Working with the Pressure Zone

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



### Learning Objectives

- ◆ Understand and define the pressure zone and flight zone on cattle.
- ◆ Identify the edges of a cow's flight and pressure zones.
- ◆ Describe how the environment affects a cow's pressure zone and what this means for handlers.
- ◆ Understand unique pressure and flight zones of individual cows and the best way to move herds.



### Watch Video

- ◆ View (2:46 minutes) Stockmanship Part 3 - Working with the Pressure Zone:

**English:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k\\_9TvXzP1p0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_9TvXzP1p0&feature=youtu.be)

**Spanish:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TB4jQImvVk&t=17s>



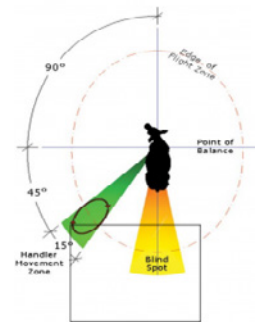
### Discuss

- ◆ Explain ways to apply low stress methods and the importance of using pressure zone methods when handling cows.
- ◆ Recall how to identify where the edge of the flight zone is. Discuss your own cattle methods when working with cattle's flight zones.
- ◆ How do factors in the environment affect the pressure zone of a cow and how can a handler use these to their advantage when guiding the cow?

### ◆ Refer to Figure 1:

If you were standing in the "handler movement zone" and wanted to move this cow in the opposite direction, where would you move and why?

Figure 1



### Take the Quiz (online or pdf download)

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



### Additional Resources (optional)

- ◆ Watch (1:57 minutes) Using Pressure and Release When Moving Dairy Cattle - A training video to teach where to use pressure when moving cattle.
- ◆ Watch (4:07minutes) Understanding Flight Zone - A video to teach how to use the flight zone when handling cattle.
- ◆ Read How to approach cattle (1-page) An article that discusses approaching cattle properly so you're not a threat; Remembering that cattle can't handle the emotional part of something coming directly at them to start them.
- ◆ Access the quiz answer keys online under each Additional Resources accordion menu.