

Right from the Start

Outline

Production Cattle

Production Cattle vs. Show Cattle

- Production cattle have a different disposition than show cattle.
- Production cattle have a larger flight zone than show cattle; they are less tame.
- Production cattle are easier to agitate than show cattle.
- Producers handle production cattle in less controlled environments.
- Producers use different equipment and means of restraint for production cattle than exhibitors use for show cattle.

Production Equipment

- Corrals
- Holding pens
- Squeeze chutes
- Single file chutes
- Large trailers

Areas of Concern

- Confined spaces with wild animals are extremely dangerous. Trailers should also be considered a confined space and producers/workers should avoid entering a trailer with cattle if at all possible.
- Squeeze chutes and trim chutes can be pinch point hazards.

Animals of Concern

- Bulls are particularly dangerous and should only be handled by experienced handlers.
- New mothers frequently exhibit aggressive and protective behaviors after giving birth. This shift in behavior is referred to as the maternal instinct. Workers should give new mothers additional space.
- Weaned calves can be more easily agitated and excitable than other animals.

