



Livestock Auction Market Animal Health Notes

June 2021

SDVMA Annual Meeting

We invite you to attend the auction market veterinarian meeting scheduled during the SDVMA Annual Meeting in August. The meeting will be at 5:00pm on Monday August 16th at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Sioux Falls, SD

The intent of this meeting is to share information on topics such as: animal ID and animal disease traceability regulations, electronic CVI's and other forms, change of ownership reporting, animal welfare, scrapie requirements, Trich regulations, and other issues or questions.

[SDVMA Annual Meeting Registration](#)

Animal fitness for sale

Auction market personnel working the receiving or unloading areas are often the first to notice an animal that may be unfit for sale. As the attending auction market inspecting veterinarian, you have the knowledge and expertise to determine whether an animal is suitable for sale, whether it should return to the farm/ranch of origin or be immediately euthanized.

We encourage you to establish a good working relationship with the auction market personnel who unload animals and have them immediately turn to you for guidance on any questionable animals delivered to the market. A quick determination that an animal is unfit for sale can prevent an inconvenience at the market and unnecessary suffering for the animal. The best scenario for animals unfit for sale is to leave them on the trailer for return to the farm/ranch of origin for proper handling.

Animal fitness for sale guidelines:

Non-ambulatory animals should not be unloaded at the market.

Animals that are severely debilitated (such as advanced cancer eyes, extremely lame, thin, or weak) present concerns with humane handling, aesthetics, and contamination if infectious lesions are present.

Options for handling include:

- Return the animal to the farm or ranch for proper handling, or
- Place the animal in a quarantined pen
 - for humane euthanasia and proper disposal, or
 - sell if lesions are severe yet such that the animal can be transported humanely to slaughter.

Always be considerate of what the public sees and how it reflects on the auction market and the industry.

Destination requirements

If you become aware that cattle have left the auction market without being properly officially identified on a change-of-ownership report or without a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), please notify the SDAIB so that we can follow up with appropriate action.

Thank you! We appreciate the work you do in your role as an auction market inspecting veterinarian. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We welcome any suggestions you may have for future topics.

