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Care Wellness & Training

Training Talker...

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Fitness to Transport

Fitness to Transport assures appropriateness for animals that are culled and transported to market as well as youngstock that may be transported away from the facility. These cattle must be fit to be properly transported.



Version 5 F.A.R.M: Fitness to transport protocol requires the individual or individuals who are responsible to make transportation decisions are named on the protocol for Adult animals and youngstock.

A complete “Fitness to Transport” protocol needs to identify the following Critical Components:

Treatment records to include:

1. Date of Treatment
2. Animal ID
3. Name of Treatment
4. Disease being treated
5. Dosage administered
6. Route of administration
7. Duration of Treatment
8. Withdrawal times

1. **Training**—how are individuals trained to identify animals fit to transport?
2. **Records**—Where are treatment records with withdrawal times for meat or milk kept? It is recommended that treatment records are retained for a minimum of 2 years.
3. **Identification**—All animals must be clearly identified and marked that have been treated to reduce the chance culling.

Dairy Cow Fitness for Transport Checklist

1 Mobility

- Walks normally without help
- No broken leg or severe lameness
- Can rise and bear weight on all legs

3 Udder & Reproductive

- Udder not swollen, painful, or leaking
- Recently milked
- Not within 24–48 hours of calving
- No vaginal or uterine prolapse

5 Transport Conditions

- Trailer clean, dry, non-slip
- Adequate space and ventilation
- Weather suitable
- Gentle loading and handling

2 Body Condition & Health

- Not extremely thin or weak (BCS > 2)
- No signs of illness (fever, pneumonia, diarrhea)
- No open wounds or major swelling

4 Treatment / Withdrawal

- Drug and milk withdrawals complete
- Records verified

Final Decision

- Fit to Transport
 - Delay / Treat
 - Euthanize on Farm
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Who is responsible for making transportation decisions on Adult Animals?

Who is responsible for making transportation decisions on Youngstock ?





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Annual Training Requirements for Dairy Producers:

Completion of this training can be used for Annual Training Requirement

- *Pre-Weaned Calf Care*
- *Non-Ambulatory Care*
- ***Determining Fitness to Transport***
- * *Euthanasia*
- *Cattle Handling and Stockmanship*
- *Cow Care Agreements*

Dairy Name: _____

Date	Name	Signature

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