












Are my dairy cows and calves fit for transport?

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Importance of fitness for transport

- Ensure survival of animal to the final destination
- Carcass quality for market cows
- Reduce long-term health issues and stress
- Ensure consumer safety

DO NOT TRANSPORT AMBULATORY ANIMALS WITH:

 <p>Cancer eye or blindness in both eyes</p>	 <p>Fever greater than 103F</p>	 <p>Drug residues</p>	 <p>Peritonitis</p>	 <p>Bone fractures or lameness (4 or 5 on a 5-point scale)</p>
 <p>Unreduced prolapse</p>	 <p>Cows calving or high likelihood calving during transport</p>	 <p>Suspected nervous system symptoms</p>	 <p>Visible open wounds</p>	

WHEN TRANSPORTING COWS

- ✓ Milk all lactating dairy cows just before transporting to market
- ✓ Minimize the number of times cattle need to be handled during transport
- ✓ Do not transport animals with distended udders causing pain and ambulatory issues

WHEN TRANSPORTING CALVES

- ✓ Ensure proper colostrum consumption
- ✓ Proper identification
- ✓ Vaccinate
- ✓ Proper navel care

** Infographic adapted from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners