

Guidance for Livestock Markets during COVID-19 Pandemic

Animal Industry Division



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This guidance is based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19 and information made available by [Nevada Health Response](#). The Nevada Department Agriculture (NDA) will update this guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. Local agencies may have additional guidance and/or requirements regarding these operations in their jurisdiction.

Recommended Precautions for Livestock Markets

Animal agriculture including the sale of animals falls under the category “agriculture” which has been deemed “essential” under [Governor Sisolak’s directives](#). Livestock markets and other operations must prepare and take precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Livestock Market Guidance

Social distancing

- Minimize market attendees to essential personnel only such as necessary employees to operate the market, regulatory employees, veterinarians, brand inspectors, and buyers (no additional visitors or social gatherings).
- Require all individuals to maintain at least six feet of space between each other.
- Request consignors remain in truck as much as possible, unload livestock and leave premises as soon as possible.
- Use market staff to assist in unloading livestock.
- Any restaurants on the market premises should be closed for dine-in eating. Only take-out food can be offered.

Cleaning and protecting individual health

- Require washing stations or an alcohol-based gel before entering and after leaving the facility.
- All individuals are recommended to wear cloth [face coverings](#) when around other individuals or animals and should refrain from touching the covering or their face.
- Cover cough with elbow and sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of it.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with an alcohol-based gel.
- All contact surfaces should be disinfected twice daily or more frequently.
- Follow CDC [Disinfection Guidelines](#) when cleaning and use [approved disinfectants](#).

Monitoring illness

- Monitor staff for signs of illness.
- Anyone experiencing signs of illness should stay home, contact their healthcare provider and follow [CDC-recommended steps](#).
- If anyone becomes sick:
 - Close off areas and identify equipment used by the sick person.

- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area. Wait 24 hours (or as long as possible) before you clean or disinfect.
- Clean and disinfect all areas and equipment used by the sick person, such as vehicles, bathrooms, common areas, tablets, computers, etc.
- Please reference the CDC's [Disinfecting Your Facility If Someone Is Sick](#) for guidance.

Additional Resources

Latest updates related to Nevada agriculture industries during COVID-19 can be found at agri.nv.gov/industry_resources_covid19.