Moooving for Cattle Safety

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Cattle Safety Brought to You
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Risk Management Agency (RMA)
What’s the most important part of your business plan?

Hint

Make the investment. Stay safe. Stay healthy.
Why Consider Safety?

**Cattle Associated with Fatalities**
- Bulls
- Cows &/or multiple cattle

**Causes of Death**
- Head &/or chest injuries
- Injection

1/3 caused by previously aggressive animals

Source: CDC-MMWR; July, 2009
What Happens?

Animal(s):

- intentionally strike
- spooked by loud noises, shadows, or changes in light
- separated from other animals; mother cow separated from baby
- sense infringement on territory

Source: CDC-MMWR; July, 2009

Source: USDA-ARS
What Happens?

Individual:

- turns back on animal(s)
- gets crushed between animal(s) and pin or walls
- Is shoved by animal(s) charging gate
- gets in animals’ blind area
- falls &/or otherwise injects self with veterinary pharmaceutical
- becomes complacent with animals

Source: CDC-MMWR; July, 2009
Who is Most at Risk?

- Individuals who have hearing loss & can’t hear animals coming
- Individuals who have arthritis & can’t move fast enough to get out of animals’ way

Source: R. Tutor-Marcom
Prevention

- Bells on bulls
- Equip pens with emergency exits
- Maintain fences, gates, pens, & restraining equipment
- Post livestock areas so that visitors stay out

Source: L. Hipp
Observe Behavior ...........

YOURS & THEIRS

Source: USDA - ARS
And Don’t Forget the Hay.......  

• Keep bystanders away from baler  
• Keep fire extinguisher handy in case of fire  
• Never work on baler with PTO engaged  
• Use safety block on hydraulic lift arms when working on baler  

Source: Virginia Tech Extension
Avoid Tractor Rollovers

Center of gravity with bale raised

Original center of gravity

Source: Virginia Tech Extension
Light & Reflect

Source: Virginia Tech Extension
Avoid Mold and Dust

Wear an N-95 Respirator

Source: AgriSafe Network
Want to Learn More?

www.nasdonline.org  Search ‘Cattle Safety’
Want to Learn More?

A practical safety guide

Beef cattle handling
Agriculture

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