



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:12-3-03 Management.

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- (A) Livestock housing, handling facilities, and equipment must be designed and maintained so as to minimize bruising and injury.
- (B) When using handling, sorting, or other devices to move livestock or for diagnostic evaluation, the devices must be used humanely.
- (C) When restraint of livestock is required, it must be minimal in degree and duration and minimize the potential for injury.
- (D) Only hand held battery-operated electric prods of fifty volts or less can be used to facilitate movement of livestock as described in paragraph (B) of this rule. Electric prods must not be used:
- (1) On poultry;
 - (2) On alpacas, llamas, and equine, except for an initial diagnostic evaluation;
 - (3) On calves less than two hundred pounds of body weight;
 - (4) On swine less than thirty-five pounds of body weight;
 - (5) In sensitive areas including the eyes, ears, nose, vulva, anus, udder, or testicles; and
 - (6) On non-ambulatory disabled livestock.
- (E) The responsible party shall not maliciously or recklessly throw, drop, or drag livestock. If the animal's position does not permit lifting or another method of movement, dragging an ambulatory disabled or non-ambulatory disabled livestock the minimum distance to allow movement by another method is permitted.



(F) The responsible party must not pick up and/or carry livestock by the ears and tails or pull legs in positions or directions which would cause distress.

(G) Livestock management procedures as listed in rule 4741-1-13 of the Administrative Code must be performed humanely.

(H) If food is produced for the human food chain, the responsible party must consider quality assurance as defined in paragraph (O) of rule 901:12-3-01 of the Administrative Code.