

Cattle Loading Chute

Purpose:

To promote the safe and responsible use of livestock scale and the humane treatment of livestock during loading, weighing, and unloading.

Safety Equipment

- gloves
- steel toe boots

Safe Operation:

Pin type hitch. Tow with ½ ton pickup or larger.

- 1) Always handle livestock in a humane and responsible manner that minimizes stress and avoids injury to animals or humans.
- 2) When hooking and unhooking chute, use blocking and avoid dropping tongue to ground. Ensure feet are clear when unhooking – use blocking. Keeps hands clear of hitch when pulling vehicle away from chute.
- 3) Inspect interior of chute to ensure there are no protrusions that could injure animals when loading or unloading.
- 4) Always use common sense and caution when handling livestock.
- 5) Do not allow inexperienced bystanders to operate equipment or be in vicinity of animals.

Transport Safety:

- 1) NEVER exceed 40 km/h when transporting Cattle Chute on roadway.
- 2) Ensure lock pins are in place on hitch mechanism.
- 3) Inspect tires to ensure proper inflation.
- 4) Ensure the “slow moving vehicle” emblem is attached and clearly visible.
- 5) Hook up safety chains in a cross pattern, and attach securely to brackets.

When pulling any equipment, drive in a safe and responsible manner, traveling at a reasonable speed. When turning, allow for the added unit length, and do not corner sharply. When backing, ensure chute trailer does not jackknife and damage either vehicle or trailer. Adjust vehicle mirrors to provide adequate view of trailer while travelling.

DO NOT TRANSPORT CHUTE WHEN POOR ROADS OR WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENT SAFE TRAVEL. CALL BIG LAKES COUNTY OFFICE AT 780-523-5955.