



NEWS LINE

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Segregation in cattle herd especially important this time of year

Segregating the cattle herd is a vital animal welfare practice. Often, cattle spend the winter away from the main yard. It's important to make sure the older, younger and weaker animals are segregated when it is found they need additional feed.

Doug Sawyer, a producer and director of Alberta Farm Animal Care, says it's important to segregate animals from the herd year-round. "I know I find in my herd that sometimes I'll winter a moderately older cow and she'll get through the winter just fine and all of a sudden when the weather breaks nice in the spring she'll start to lose weight. It's important to have facilities out in the wintering sites to be able to pull the odd animal that may need just a little extra feed - get her home where she can get a little extra TLC."

This is the time of the year when the calving season has started, or is about to start. Sawyer urges producers to keep a regular watch on body scores to assure that the entire herd is staying healthy.

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Clip No. 1:

Segregating the cattle herd is a vital animal welfare practice. Doug Sawyer, a producer and director of Alberta Farm Animal Care, says producers can never be too careful in assuring their animals are receiving adequate amounts of feed:

(13... "feed.")

Clip No. 2:

Segregating animals from the herd is important throughout the year. This is especially the case now when calving has started, or is about to start. This is the time to watch for body scores to make sure the whole herd is staying healthy, adds Sawyer:

(21... "TLC.")

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