



# NEWS LINE

AFAC News Line # 9 – Measures for livestock transportation start at the farm

Audio 1 (13 seconds)

“One of the main issues with respect to transport of animals is fitness for transport. And so if they’re properly prepared on the farm then they will be better-suited for the trip”

Audio 2 (18 seconds)

“All of the various factors such as how long the animals are going to be on the conveyance, what time of year it is, what the weather is like, the stage of the animals. Are they culls? Are they very young animals? Are they animals that are ready for market, in the prime of fitness?”

Audio 3 (22 seconds)

“If they’re going to an auction market they may be in for a long haul. They may be going from one auction to another; they may be going across the country, or out of the country. So if an animal for example, has a slight lameness at the time that it’s loaded, it may progress to the point of being non-ambulatory or down by the time it gets to its destination“

Audio 4 (22 seconds)

“Alberta Farm Animal Care has actually produced an excellent decision tree to guide in the assessment of fitness for transport it’s called ‘Should this animal be loaded?’ and it’s guidelines for transporting cattle, sheep and goats. And that is available for use by producers as well as transporters. It’s also used at livestock auction markets”