



Arrow Farmquip

General Safety Manual

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Please read carefully before using any Arrow Farmquip equipment. All operators, helping hands, and onlookers must understand the precautions in this booklet.

Beware of animal dangers

1. All farm animals can be dangerous and all precautions should be taken
2. When you are frequently exposed to livestock, it's easy to take animals for granted - to get comfortable around them.
3. Even though livestock may be domesticated (or tame) and even appear to be docile (gentle), it's important to respect them for their size and natural instincts. Visitors may make animals nervous or excited.
4. Bulls are more aggressive during the mating season and extremely dangerous when fighting. Separate into different yards where applicable.
5. Cows and heifers are most likely to charge when they have a young calf at foot.
6. Isolated cattle often become stressed and are likely to charge when approached.
7. Cattle with sharp horns are dangerous and dehorning is recommended where practicable.
8. Avoid working in overstocked yards.
9. While drafting cattle through a gate, work from one side to avoid being knocked down.
10. When working with cattle in a crush to vaccinate or apply tail tags, be careful not to crush arms against rails or posts from sudden movement of stock.
11. Approach cattle quietly and make sure they are aware of your presence.
12. When closing a gate behind cattle in a crush or small yard, stand to one side or with one foot on the gate in case the mob forces the gate back suddenly.
13. To avoid injury attempt to work either outside the animal's kicking range or directly against the animal.
14. Follow a regular routine so as not to alarm cows.
15. Restrain the animal in a head bail when working on the head.
16. Take care when using brands or knives for castrating and bang tailing.
17. Different species of livestock behave differently Individual animals have individual personalities.
18. People who are "good with animals" learn to think like the animal they are working with (you can't herd sheeplike cattle).
19. Different species don't see things the same, i.e. depth perception is not very good which causes animals to often balk, or be jumpy in unfamiliar surroundings.

Take all necessary precautions

1. Keep operators, onlookers and helping hands at a safe distance from animals while they are being treated
2. Personal protective safety equipment such as steel capped boots, safety glasses, Leather gloves,
3. sun protection (hats), long trousers, work shirts, Hearing Protection (when working around noisy animals)
must be worn at all times. Any loose clothing or untied hair could be a hazard.
4. Complete a risk assessment on the task before starting to handle animals.
5. Make sure all persons on the site are inducted in safe working procedures

Equipment Maintenance

1. Be sure your equipment is in good working condition – if in doubt contact Arrow Farmquip
2. Do not operate if your equipment broken, worn or in a state that could be deemed unsafe

Equipment Modification

1. Arrow products cannot be modified without prior approval in writing from Arrow Farmquip
2. Any modifications must be carried out by a qualified tradesperson
3. Unauthorised modifications will annul any warranty normally applicable to the product
4. Arrow takes no responsibility for any damages caused by modified products

Obligation under the law

1. All Farmers and Graziers are obligated under the relevant Occupational Health and Safety Act in their state to provide safe working conditions for Workers, visitors and contractors.
2. A risk assessment and 'safe working procedure' induction must be completed before using Arrow Farmquip products

Acknowledgments:

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