

Checklist Cattle Handling

✓ Cattle Vision

- ◆ Cattle have a wide area of peripheral vision, with only a small blind spot immediately behind the animal.
- ◆ Do not approach cattle from directly behind.

✓ Flight Zone

- ◆ The flight zone is the distance that the cattle can be from you and still feel comfortable.
- ◆ You can use the flight zone to quietly move cattle.

✓ Point of Balance and Movement

- ◆ There is a place on the shoulder of the animal called the point of balance.
- ◆ You can use this point to encourage the animal to go forward and backward.
- ◆ You should move cattle calmly and slowly.
- ◆ Quick movements and loud noises will make moving cattle more difficult.

✓ Moving Aids

- ◆ **“Persuaders” such as flags, plastic paddles, and a stick with plastic ribbons** should replace electric prods as much as possible. An electric prod should NOT be a person’s primary driving tool. It should only be picked up and used when absolutely required to move a stubborn animal and then should be put back down.
- ◆ **“Persuaders”** are the best tools for moving cattle. These devices can be used to turn cattle by blocking their vision on one side of their head.