



TRANSPORT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

On Farm

Responsible Parties:

Stock owner

Stock owners are encouraged to develop a stock management plan early to help mitigate poor animal welfare outcomes.

If destocking is required, farmers should make this decision early enough to ensure livestock transported to market are fit for travel. Farmers have an obligation to ensure the welfare of their livestock. It is the responsibility of the person in charge to ensure that animals are prepared correctly and will cope well with the entire journey.

Farm and Loading

Responsible Parties:

Stock owner and transport operators

Animals selected for transport must be 'fit for the intended journey'. Transport operators, in consultation with the stock owner, determine fitness to load and the loading density. The transport operator is responsible for the welfare of the animals throughout the journey from loading to unloading.

Abattoir and Unloading

Responsible Parties:

Transport operators and abattoir personnel

A large number of providers are involved in the delivery of services to livestock processing establishments. These include stock owners, agents, transport operators, feed suppliers and personnel operating at depots, scales, saleyards and feedlots. All have a responsibility to ensure that animals are handled and managed in accordance with welfare requirements.

Saleyards and Unloading

Responsible Parties:

Transport operators, saleyard manager, livestock agents, and stockpersons

Transport operators are responsible for the welfare of the animal throughout the journey from loading to unloading.

The care and management of livestock at the saleyards including the handling, drafting, selection as 'fit for sale', appropriate treatment for weak, ill or injured animals, penning and the provision of feed and water whilst holding, is the shared responsibility of the saleyard manager, livestock agents and stockpersons.

Saleyards and Loading

Responsible Parties:

Consignor, saleyard manager, livestock agents, stockpersons, buyers and transport operators

Assembly and preparation of livestock for transport, including selection as 'fit for the intended journey' is the responsibility of all. Transport operators are responsible for the welfare of the animal throughout the journey from loading to unloading.

Farm and Unloading

Responsible Parties:

Transport operators and stock owners

The transport operator is responsible for the welfare of the animal throughout the journey from loading to unloading.

Stock owners have an obligation to ensure the welfare of their livestock from unloading.

