

Mixing categories (lots)

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Mixing animal categories

Why should you avoid mixing categories?

It is known that bovines establish a hierarchy within their group to distinguish the strongest and the weakest. That is why they fight among themselves. Males usually beat females, and horned animals beat polled animals.

Main problems caused:

Mixing males and females in the same compartment of the truck – where spacing is normally limited to a necessary for travelling accommodation, do the probability of animal fights and mounting activity increases. In this situation, females may be beaten or knocked down, which causes severe bruises and, in more extreme cases, even their death.



Picture 1 – Lesions/bruises/emergencies caused by mixing categories

How to avoid it?

- . Try to separate animals into lots for slaughter and prioritize maintain those that were raised together;
- . Avoid mixing males and females even if they were raised together because attempts to mount may cause falls and trampling during transportation, which causes losses for farmers and slaughterhouses due to injuries and may lead to emergencies and deaths.