

Unit 3 ii: Environmental causes of ill health Teacher's notes

Introduction

The stockperson's role is to create the optimum environment for the farm animals to maximise productivity whilst maintaining their health and welfare.

The stockperson has to deal with both indoor and outdoor situations. Both have standards set by the welfare codes and both have health and welfare consequences if the standards are not met.

At the end of this session you will be able to:

- Identify the correct environmental conditions for good health and welfare
- Describe the consequences of poor environment on an animal's health and welfare
- Explain the role of the environment in causing ill health in farm animals

Key words/phrases

- Welfare codes
- Stocking density
- Lying conditions
- Bedding
- Drainage
- Climate
- Humidity
- Artificial lighting

Resources

- Factsheet
- Relevant websites
- Film clip looking at stockmanship indoor
- Film clip of cows at grass

Learning activities to generate evidence that learning has taken place

- Quiz and word search