



National Beef Transportation Downer Policy

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National Beef Packing Co. has always prided itself on the humane handling of livestock entering our slaughter facilities. Installation of the latest technology and utilizing respected industry consultants to advise and implement ongoing improvements are part of our many efforts to ensure all animals are handled humanely.

Among these efforts is the handling of non-ambulatory or “downer” fed cattle or any visibly questionable livestock both at our plants and feed yard shipping facility.

The protocol for handling non-ambulatory cattle by livestock haulers for National Beef:

- Any animal unable to load itself (non-ambulatory) onto a truck at the shipping facility will NOT be loaded and the driver will then:
- Contact in the following order for instructions, before leaving the load out facility:
 - Driver supervisor or dispatch, if unable then or dispatch will then contact;
 - National Beef Procurement Group
 - National Beef cattle buyer for that location
 - If unable, National Beef Procurement Supervisor’s
 - Chad Barker
 - 816-713-8596 (work), 620-255-5822 (mobile)
 - If unable, National Beef fed cattle scheduler
 - Scott Steel
 - 816-713-8629 (work), 816-541-0214 (mobile)

If there is any other obvious or apparent issue with a particular animal; example - exhibiting abnormal behavior or sickness, the driver should immediately proceed with the same protocol.

It is National Beef’s sole discretion in these issues. The cattle owner or seller should be advised of the situation immediately, but by no means should non-ambulatory or potentially questionable cattle be loaded at the direction the seller or in violation of existing National Beef animal handling policies without prior consent from National Beef Packing Company.