

# Farm Safety Forums

## Safe Handling of Large Animals in Enclosed Spaces

### Key Safety Points:

- **Understand Animal Behavior:** Large animals, such as cattle, horses, or pigs, can be unpredictable, especially in confined spaces. Learn to read their body language and understand their stress signals.
- **Approach Calmly & Slowly:** Approach animals in an enclosed space calmly and slowly to avoid startling them. Sudden movements or loud noises can provoke aggressive behavior.
- **Use Proper Handling Tools:** Use appropriate handling tools such as gates, panels, and pens to manage animals safely. Avoid using your hands or body to control animals unless necessary.
- **Wear Protective Gear:** When working with large animals, wear appropriate PPE, such as steel-toed boots, gloves, and protective clothing to prevent injury from kicks, bites, or being crushed.
- **Maintain Proper Ventilation:** Ensure that the enclosed space has adequate ventilation to keep both animals and workers comfortable and reduce the risk of stress-related behavior.
- **Escape Routes:** Ensure that animals are given enough space to move and that workers can exit the enclosed area quickly in case of an emergency.