

Cold Conditions

- As the cold spell continues, keep the level of animal comfort high.
- Feed a little extra concentrate, 10 to 15% more during periods of stress.

Shelter

- Ensure that animals have shelter, house all stock where possible.
- Cold excessive air flow reduces temperatures and chills livestock.
- Stacking up round bales of straw can provide very effective shelter.
- Use shed doors to regulate air flow and temperature.

Forage

- Provide plenty of high quality forage to all stock.
- Feed the best quality forage to stock during periods of stress.
- Animals will eat more to keep themselves warm as they lose more heat.
- Allow that intakes increase, so give more silage than usual.

Calves

- Provide young calves with plenty of comfort, overbed where possible.
- Provide a sheltered well bedded lying area, for extra comfort.
- Provide palatable roughage for calves and always have concentrate available.
- Provide water in a bucket and change daily.

Cattle

- Cattle on ad - libitum concentrate need water.
- Feed concentrate daily and remove stale left overs.
- Keep feeding some straw as a source of long fibre.
- Check stock regularly and watch for upset and uneasy animals.

Cows

- Keep cubicles beds clean and lime twice daily.
- Keep passageways and slats clean.
- Avoid moving cows on exposed yards

- Run automatic scrapers regularly.

Sheep

- Sheep are picky eaters so make sure the forage is palatable.
- It is also very easy to overfeed sheep with concentrate.
- Do not feed more than 0.5 of a kg to a ewe in one feed.
- A total of 1 kg is a big feed for a pregnant ewe per day.