

## **Cattle Squeeze**

### **Purpose:**

To promote the safe and responsible use of the livestock squeeze and the humane treatment of livestock, to avoid injury to animals or humans.

### **Safety Equipment**

- gloves
- steel toe boots

### **Safe Operation:**

Pin-type hitch, towed by ½ ton truck or greater. Adjustable palpation cage.

- 1) Always handle livestock in a humane and responsible manner that minimizes stress and avoids injury to animals or humans.
- 2) When hooking and unhooking squeeze, use blocking and avoid dropping tongue to ground. Ensure feet are clear when unhooking. Keep hands clear of hitch when pulling tow vehicle away from squeeze.
- 3) To winch squeeze off trailer, release ratchet lock before turning handle. Maintain firm grip on handle - do not allow handle to spin freely. Keep face clear of handle.
- 4) When winching squeeze onto trailer, ensure the ratchet lock is in place and keep face and other body parts clear of handle.
- 5) Inspect interior of squeeze area to ensure there are no protrusions that could injure animals when loading, squeezing, or unloading.
- 6) Always use common sense and caution when handling livestock.
- 7) Do not allow inexperienced bystanders to operate equipment or be in vicinity of animals.

### **Transport Safety:**

- 1) NEVER exceed 40 km/h when transporting Cattle Squeeze on roadways.
- 2) Ensure lock pins are in place to stabilize moveable parts.
- 3) Ensure the "slow moving vehicle" emblem is attached and clearly visible.
- 4) Hook up safety chains in a cross pattern, and attach securely to brackets.

**When pulling a trailer, drive in a safe and responsible manner, traveling at a reasonable speed. When turning, allow for the added unit length, and do not corner sharply. When backing, ensure trailer does not jackknife and damage either vehicle or trailer. Adjust vehicle mirrors to provide adequate view of trailer while travelling.**

**DO NOT TRANSPORT SQUEEZE WHEN POOR ROADS OR WEATHER  
CONDITIONS PREVENT SAFE TRAVEL. CALL BIG LAKES COUNTY OFFICE AT  
780-523-5955**