Machinery & Equipment | CHECKLIST

Livestock Trailer Safety Checklist

A safety checklist for livestock trailers that covers the hitch, floor, gates, lights, and ventilation so animals travel safely and the trailer is road ready.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

ITEM	OK	FIX	N/A
Hitch, coupler, and safety chains secure	☐	☐	☐
Brakes and breakaway system tested	☐	☐	☐
Tires and lug nuts checked	☐	☐	☐
Lights and signals work	☐	☐	☐
Floor is solid with no rot or rust	☐	☐	☐
Gates latch and swing properly	☐	☐	☐
Sidewalls and roof free of sharp edges	☐	☐	☐
Vents open and not blocked	☐	☐	☐
Bedding or traction in place	☐	☐	☐

NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED

TIP Do the check before loading animals, and ask your veterinarian or extension office about hauling and welfare practices.