

BENEFITS OF DISBUDDING AND DEHORNING

Dehorning cattle conveys advantages:

- Horns are the single major cause of carcass wastage due to bruising, and trim associated with bruising for carcasses from horned cattle is approximately twice that for carcasses from hornless cattle.
- Dehorned cattle require less feeding trough space
- They are easier and less dangerous to handle and transport
- Present a lower risk of interference from dominant animals at feeding time
- Pose a reduced risk of injury to udders, flanks, and eyes of other cattle
- Present a lower injury risk for handlers, horses, and dogs
- Exhibit fewer aggressive behaviors associated with individual dominance
- May incur fewer financial penalties on sale.