***The Advantages and Disadvantages of Dehorning Cattle.***

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| **ADVANTAGES** | **DISADVANTAGES** |
| The risk of injury to farm workers, Veterinarians as well as other animals present on the farm such as dogs, horses and other cattle is significantly decreased. | Pain associated with dehorning can induce anorexia and lead to loss of condition in the animal. |
| Dehorning also reduces the chances of the animal harming itself as horn can be broken which can lead to hemorrhage, infection and a lot of pain. Large horns can also obstruct feeding. | Post operative infections such as myiasis and sinusitis can occur which can be costly to treat. Complications such as encephalopathy and cerebral infracts have been noted after hot iron disbudding. |
| The space requirement of cattle is reduced making it easier to both stock and transport them. | Dehorning can be expensive as it requires specialized equipment, trained personnel as well as the appropriate drugs. |
| Dehorning is mandatory some Cattle (Sheep and Goat) Shows and Exhibitions. | Other stressors such as weaning, changing environment( eg. Changing pens or farm), deworming or vaccinations cannot be done around the time of dehorning and during the animals recovery. Some farmers may find this cumbersome.  |
| In some countries such as the US, Dehorning can increase the sale value of cattle. | Proper after care and close observation is requires after dehorning which causes more work for the farmer. |
| Dehorning also decreases the amount property damage caused by cattle such as broken fences and pens. |  |