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Cattle Handling Competency Check List

Commodity (indicate Beef or Dairy) _____

Worker _____ Date: _____

Observable skill	Yes, No or N/a		Yes or No or N/A
Demonstrates use and has understanding of flight zone		Utilizes appropriate PPE	
Positions self outside of the kick zone		Approaches sick or downed animal from the spine side with caution	
Properly positions self at gates		Does not reach through bars of "headlockers" when removing collars	
Indicates, demonstrates or can verbalize an awareness of escape routes prior to entering pen		Demonstrates awareness and is conscious of distractions in the handling area	
Reads cattle moods, stress levels & disposition		Is calm, patient and deliberate around the cattle, aware of noise as a stressor	
Communicates position to other workers, aware of work alone rules		Is aware that if in doubt the worker is to get out	
Checks facilities to ensure ease of flow, working chutes squeezes and gates		Checks behind self when movement through cattle is required	

Supervisor: _____