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**To:** Colorado Livestock Markets and Livestock Market Veterinarians  
**From:** Keith A. Roehr DVM, Assistant State Veterinarian  
**Date:** 7/2/2008  
**Re:** Safe and Effective Livestock Handling and Non-Ambulatory Livestock Issues

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In light of recent national events at livestock markets and slaughter facilities concerning the proper care and handling of livestock, the Department has updated our materials related to the Veterinary Inspection Statute CRS 35-55-113 and the Public Livestock Markets Veterinary Inspection Rule 8 CCR 1201-13.

Within this packet you will find the Veterinary Inspection Statute, Public Livestock Markets Veterinary Inspection Rule, the Public Livestock Market Animal Disposition Guidelines, the Public Livestock Market Euthanasia Record form, required signs for posting at livestock markets, a Non-Eligible Livestock Brochure and an Animal Industry Division Brochure. This information will provide necessary guidance to fulfill the veterinary inspection requirements in the statute and rule and also provide guidance to appropriately manage situations to mitigate risks associated with non-ambulatory livestock.

It is important that the livestock industry, livestock markets and other processing facilities continue to demonstrate leadership concerning the proper care and handling of all livestock. The information contained in this packet is intended to refresh our understanding of the veterinary inspection requirements and also serve as an aid in decision making when dealing with diseased, injured or non-ambulatory livestock.

It is our intent to personally visit all of the livestock markets in Colorado and further discuss this issue as well as other animal health and disease control requirements. Please review the information in this packet and respond to our office with any questions or comments.

It is imperative that the livestock industry properly care for our animals, not only for their benefit, but for the industry as a whole. U.S. farmers and ranchers have historically provided a safe, wholesome, and abundant food supply and the safety of our animals is an important step in protecting that legacy.