

Putting Your Animals to Bed

Bedding can be a source of contamination for your livestock or poultry. Improper maintenance of the bedding can also create an ideal environment for microbial growth.

- Check with your supplier to ensure that wood shavings are free of wood preservatives.
- Do not use bedding if you can see and smell mould. Moulds can be a source of mycotoxins.
- Remove wet and soiled bedding regularly. This minimizes the amount of manure that can cling to fleece or hides. During slaughter, tag from the hide is the primary source of contamination during the skinning process.
- Poultry producers need to focus on managing moisture, pH and ammonia volatilization prior to or during the flock production cycle.

Keeping your birds and animals clean and dry will keep your customers safe and happy.

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