



Horn Policy

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At Atlantic Beef products Inc. (ABPI) we have noticed an increase in the number of animals received that have horns on them. Horns can be dangerous during transporting and handling for both humans and other animals. This is especially true when the horn is pointy and comes out past the ear of the animal (see picture below). These animals can cause considerable damage from bruising to gorging to other animals if they decide to fight. In this case the producer is deducted for the weight that it gets paid due to increased trimming required therefore a cost to the producer. However, the increased bruising that needs to be trimmed or the higher value primal cuts that may need to be downgraded to trim can be a significant cost to ABPI.



Effective Immediately ABPI will reserve the right to discount animals with horns (or bruising caused by horns) due to risk it can cause to our staff and other animals. The discount can be as high as \$0.10 per pound depending on reduced carcass value.

ABPI would encourage producers to remove horns early and in a humane way to add value to feeders, reduce losses in gains or carcass demerits and reduce the risk of injury of those handling or transporting cattle.

Sincerely,

Atlantic Beef Products Inc.
Bruce Andrews