BUCKERS, CLUCKERS, DUCKERS & SCHMUCKERS?

OR....Don’t get in a jam with cows, goats, sheep, pigs and poultry!
Folks we need to THANK for sending us to the AgrAbility National Training Workshop 2020

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• **Animal Behavior**

• Use Low Stress handling

• No Noise, Flags

• Train animals to use equipment
Fight or Flight Zone
Use Pressure and Balance Point correctly

STAY OUT OF Animal Blind Spot
Equipment Use

• Operational Manual: filed or file 13?
• Maintenance:
  - zerk
  - pulleys
  - ropes
  - handles
  - gates
  - attachments
  - alleys
What’s wrong with this picture?

**Space:**
- around chute
- supply table
- shade

**Safety:**
- man-escape
- pinch points
- wheelchair access
- mud
- extended handles
Crates

- Light weight
- Stackable
- Washable

Electric Poultry Netting

- Prevent predator attack
- Light weight-portable

Pop Hole Door Closer/opener

- Train poultry to enter with a signal
Mount sorting boards on wheelchairs
TOOL or RULE

Do you NEED to do “that” for entire population?

Choose polled breeds instead of dehorning

Hair breeds over wool breeds if wool is devalued
Learn how to do
FECAL EGG COUNT and FAMACHA, use better grazing practices!
Dewormers should be used as a tool, NOT A RULE

McMaster Slide
Grain-fed = added man-behavior

Grass-fed = natural animal behavior
Less infrastructure
RECORDS:

- Checklist, chemical use, production, breeding, grazing
- Electronic, paper, back-up/external hard drive
- Functional Records:
  - demonstrate proof of action
  - create inventories and budgets for next year
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THANKS FOR ATTENDING THIS SESSION!

NEXT:
TOOL SHOW & TELL