

Washing of animals

Washing is the process of cleaning the external body covering of an animal with clean water. In case of sheep this term is known as dipping. Except buffalo, farm animals are not washed daily. Cattle are washed when they become too dirty or when they are taken to show. Same is true in case of pigs.

Objectives:

1. To remove the waste materials and dung from body.
2. To remove the natural oil from the skin.
3. To remove external parasite.
4. For veterinary and surgical purpose.
5. For good appearance it is done before show and sale.

Washing Materials:

1. Water-lukewarm or normal
2. Brush or wisp
3. Soft soap, not hard carbolic acid soap
4. Hose pipe
5. Dry cloth.

Procedure:

The whole skin coat of the animal should be thoroughly wetted first to work into the roots of the hair with a soft brush. Then a suitable soap should be well rubbed throughout the skin against the hair as much as possible. Again whole body should be rubbed with brush and simultaneously rinsed with water.

In case of show animal, it is advisable to use warm water first and then with cool water. Thereafter the coat is dried thoroughly with dry cloth or a towel.