

STUDY ON APPROACHING OF A CATTLE

Approach - The term approach refers to the way of dealing with a person or animal or how someone represents himself to a man or animal.

Approaching of animal is a difficult job, particularly in case of large animal. Because serious accident or injury may occur during approaching a large animal. To avoid this situation we should know about the animal behavior and psychology.

Animal behavior is determined chiefly by heredity, but training and learning can modify it. It also depends on its fundamental anatomy, life process, condition of domestication, weather, climatic condition, seasons etc.

Animal always responds to man's command. Selfish, self-centered and self-preserving are the key points of **animal psychology**. So the general advice for the operator is to handle the animal with calmness, patience and firmness.

Procedures of approaching a cattle:

1. The **operator** (person who will handle the animal) should put on apron and gumboot or shoe before starting work. Color dress and stick in hand should be avoided.
2. At first the operator should ask the **attendant** (cattle keeper) about the behavior of animal.
- 3 In every case, it is better to speak to an animal quietly and steadily in a smooth tone of voice.
- 4 The operator should not be afraid of an animal, because animals are able to sense fear in human beings and may take quick advantage of it.
- 6 Animal should never be approached from in front, generally animals are approached from their left side. Because left side of animal is weak and it is easy for the operator to use right hand. Head-neck regions should be handled first and scratch its back, neck and dewlap.
- 6 The person around the animal must use smooth definite movement.
- 7 Additional persons and restraining tools should always be kept with the operator and to be used if need.
- 8 In case of horn cows the attendant should hold both the horns. The operator should seize the nostrils with his left hand and right hand become free for other purposes. If the cow has no horn, the operator may work holding the nostril only.

Approaching of bull: It is a wise plan never to trust a bull, because if they are irritated unduly and necessary precautions are not taken serious accident or injury may occur. So bull holder or bull tongs may be applied to control.