

Bedding of Cattle

Bedding means providing straw or any other absorbing materials in the floor of animal house. In tropical like India provision of bedding to farm animals is not so important as in temperate European countries. In poultry house bedding materials is called litter. Rice husk, saw dust, chopped straw, ash, sand etc are used as litter materials.

Bedding Materials:

1. Rice straw
2. Wheat straw
3. Sugarcane bagasse
4. Dry chopped grass etc.

Thickness of bedding: 10-15 cm.

Objectives of bedding:

1. To protect animal from cold
2. For better comfortable
3. To create healthy environment in the animal shed
4. To absorb urine and thus help animal from cold
5. It helps calves from pneumonia.