









PREPARING YOUR FARM FOR WINTER





Water

-  Animals will drink more water in winter, many like it slightly warmed.
-  The thinnest topping of ice may prevent animals from drinking.
-  Make plans for when the water freezes.
-  Check water supplies regularly to ensure all animals have access.





Feed

-  Preparation is key.
-  Make sure you have enough feed before you need it.
-  Calves & young animals need more milk as the temperature drops.
-  Speak to us about the feed quantities for your young animals.

Bedding

-  Keep an eye on ventilation to make sure the bedding stays air dry.
-  Mixing wood shavings with straw can help keep animals dryer.
-  Adding an underlayer of sawdust or sand will absorb moisture.
-  Clean your bedding more frequently in winter.

Shelter

-  Most animals will tolerate conditions better in a 3-sided shed.
-  Ensure your shelter is maintained before the weather hits.
-  Make changes to accommodate likely weather scenarios.
-  Create smaller environments in bigger sheds for young animals.

Two of the most important factors in livestock health in winter are the effects, both internally and externally, of air and water: both should be fresh and pure, and too much or too little of either will cause problems. For more advice contact your Vet.