

VPH Livestock Dropoff Agreement

We at Vermont Packinghouse do everything we can to ensure the comfort and safety of the animals brought here. When delivering livestock, please respect the following:

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- VPH Employees are prohibited from entering ANY trailers.
- Affidavits must be presented at drop off if not provided beforehand.
 - Livestock must have adequate space to lie down.
 - Any cattle horns must be 4 inches or shorter.
 - All hogs must weigh less than 400 pounds.

HUMANE HANDLING EXPECTATIONS

- Take proper precautions to avoid stress or suffering of the animals.
- Make sure untrained personnel or spectators do not disrupt the unloading process.
- Before unloading, make sure the trailer is positioned properly with the ramp (no measurable gaps).
 - Make sure animals are in good physical condition before unloading.
- During unloading, remain calm and minimize yelling/profanity, unnecessary noise, harassment, or force.
- Moving animals using feet or kicking is prohibited. Using boards or pushing with knees is acceptable.
 - Electric prods are a last resort and should only be used by authorized personnel, on beef only.
- Use of electric prods in extreme sensitive surfaces of the livestock (eyes, ears, anus, etc.) is STRICTLY PROHIBITED

TRAILER ACCEPTANCE

- Trailers need to be ventilated in temperatures 80F and above.
- Trailers need to be closed and bedded in temperatures 20F and below.
- Trailers must be in generally good repair with no risks to animal wellbeing.

RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT SPACE

Requirements for pigs when running short trips under 3 hours.

Average Weight	Foot of Truck Floor (92 inch truck width)	(During Cool Weather) Space Per Pig
150 lbs. (68 kg)	2.06	2.95 ft ² (0.27 m ²)
200 lbs. (90 kg)	2.2	3.50 ft ² (0.32 m ²)
250 lbs. (113 kg)	1.8	4.26 ft ² (0.40 m ²)
300 lbs. (136 kg)	1.6	5.00 ft ² (0.46 m ²)
350 lbs. (158 kg)	1.4	5.48 ft ² (0.51 m ²)

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Requirements for Beef

Feedlot Fed Steers or Cows, Avg. Weight English/Metric Units	Horned or Tipped or more than 10% Horned and Tipped English/Metric Units	No Horns (polled) English/Metric Units
800 lbs (360 kg)	10.90 sq. ft. (1.01 sq. m.)	10.40 sq. ft. (0.97 sq.m.)
1000 lbs (454 kg)	12.80 sq. ft. (1.20 sq. m.)	12.00 sq. ft. (1.11 sq. m.)
1200 lbs (545 kg)	15.30 sq. ft. (1.42 sq. m.)	14.50 sq. ft. (1.35 sq. m.)
1400 lbs (635 kg)	19.0 sq. ft. (1.76 sq. m.)	18.0 sq. ft. (1.67 sq. m.)

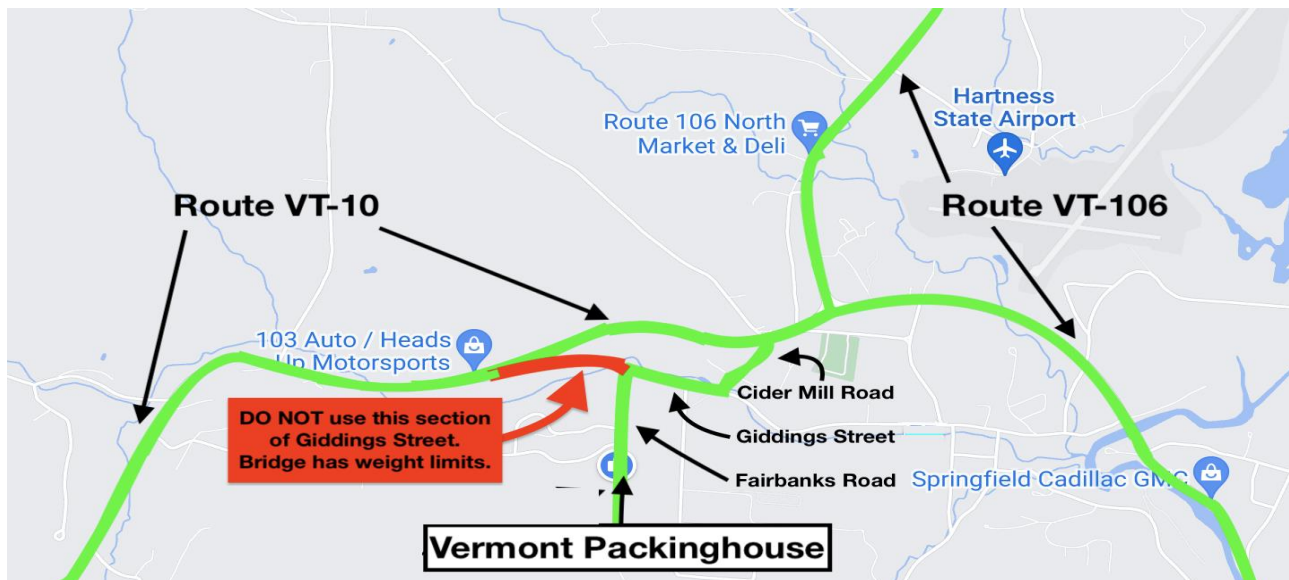
DROP OFF TIME WINDOWS

Call VPH before arriving with livestock if you have not been given a clear drop off time window or will arrive outside of that window. VPH will turn animals away if (1) you arrive outside of your time window, and we cannot fit them in our holding facility or (2) you arrive outside of our receiving hours. We must be very strict with our receiving hours. Be safe and arrive 1 hour before closing times. Sunday drops are only for previously approved haulers. Thank you for strictly respecting these times.

6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday – Thursday

6:00 AM – 12:00 PM Friday

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sunday



- Approach VPH only using Cider Mill Road, right on Giddings Street, left on Fairbanks Road
 - Turn vehicle off once stopped on VPH property. No idling allowed.
- Use CALL BUTTON mounted on building next to the door to the left of the unloading area.
 - Deliver cut sheets to VPH staff upon unloading livestock. Or email ahead of time.
 - Please respect local speed limits.

I understand that any deviations to the above can result in a declined load. *Doc Date: 1/5/2024*

Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____