

Farm & Ranch ATV SAFETY

ATV and Animal Handling

- Approach at **low speeds** to avoid frightening (startling) the animals.
- Be patient—if animals are causing you frustration, don't act on it. If you do, you'll overlook hazards that could injure you or the animals.
- Use caution when making sharp turns at higher speeds. Animals can always cut sharper corners than a vehicle. You **might flip** the ATV if you try to keep pace.
- Remember, you are eye-to-eye with the animals. Some ATV riders may appear less imposing to the animals and invite more resistance than if they were on horseback. Using the horn or revving the engine can help, instead of getting too close physically.
- If you've got a job to do, don't ride alone. Be aware of all riders' whereabouts. If you're moving animals, use ATVs alongside horses, dogs, trucks, etc.
- Communicate with others on ATVs or horses. Use **hand signals**, **radios**, or something similar.

