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### Winter Advisory for Management of Cattle, Sheep and Goat

- Animal houses should have adequate air exchange without becoming drafty.
- Animals should be provided with clean dry bedding to provide insulation from the cold ground.
- Avoid wet bedding to prevent accumulation of ammonia which irritates respiratory lining and eyes.
- Avoid mud and dung in the shed to avoid foot and hoof diseases.
- Dairy cows should be groomed regularly as far as possible for production of clean milk and for the upkeep of their health.
- Immediately after birth, clean off the mucus from the nostrils, mouth and the whole body of the calf/lamb/kid.
- The new-born calf/lamb/kid should be kept in a warm, neat and clean pen for a minimum of 5 days.
- After the lambs are born, move the ewe and her lambs to a lambing pen.
- New born lambs be provided with adequate amount of colostrums.
- Vaccinate lambs for enterotoxaemia at 4<sup>th</sup> week of age. Booster the lambs for enterotoxaemia disease at 15<sup>th</sup> weeks.
- Clean lukewarm drinking water be kept available in abundance, as animals tend to consume less water during winters.
- Animals should be examined for ecto-parasite infestation and appropriate ectoparasiticide drugs used.
- Make sure the stored winter feed is mould-free and of good nutritional quality.
- Provide a good quality complete mineral mixture.
- Good quality hay and silage should be fed to the animals. Turnips may be fed to the animals if silage is not available.

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