



## Appendix HF.6

### Housing Space Allowances

The following provides **recommended** space allowances for livestock housing. They are for guidance only, rather than definitive minimum allowances. Producers should judge appropriate space allowances by assessing their own stock and housing / feeding arrangements.

#### CATTLE.

##### Cubicles

Cubicle housing systems must have at least one cubicle per animal unless there is adjacent, accessible and adequate sized loose housing.

	Liveweight (kg)	Dimensions	
		Length (m)	Width (m)
Cows	400 – 600	2.4	1.15
	Over 600	2.5	1.20
Growing / Finishing Cattle & Youngstock	75 – 150	1.2	0.6
	150 – 250	1.5	0.75
	250 – 375	1.7	0.90
	Over 375	2.1	1.10

##### Loose Housing

Group yards and loose housing systems must be designed to allow sufficient space for all cattle to lie down simultaneously, ruminate and rise without difficulty. Guidelines for space allocations are given below –

	Liveweight (kg)	Solid Floors (m <sup>2</sup> )		Slatted Floors (m <sup>2</sup> )
		Bedded	Total (inc feeding / loafing)	
Dairy Cows	500	4.25	5.85	
	600	5.00	6.80	
	700	5.75	7.75	
Suckler Cows	400	3.50	4.90	2.5
	500	4.25	5.85	2.75
Growing / Finishing Cattle & Youngstock	200	2.00	3.00	1.1
	300	2.75	3.95	1.5
	400	3.50	4.90	1.8
	500	4.25	5.85	2.1
	600	5.00	6.80	2.3



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#### Calves

A calf must have sufficient space to stand up, lie down, turn around, stretch its limbs and groom itself.

A minimum width of 750mm at birth and 900mm at 12 weeks old and length of 1.5m up to 4 weeks and 1.8m up to 8 weeks is required.

#### SHEEP

Lowland ewes (60-90 kg live weight)	1.2-1.4 m – floor space per ewe during pregnancy
Lowland ewes after lambing with lambs at foot up to six weeks of age	2.0-2.2 m – floor space per ewe and lambs
Hill ewes (45-65 kg live weight)	1.0-1.2 m – floor space per ewe during pregnancy
Hill ewes after lambing, with lambs at foot up to six weeks of age	1.8-2.0 m – floor space per ewe and lambs
Lambs up to 12 weeks old	0.5-0.6 m – floor space per lamb
Lambs and sheep 12 weeks to 12 months old	0.75-0.9 m – floor space per lamb/sheep
Rams	1.5-2.0 m – per ram

**Source: Defra**

Shorn sheep - The space allowances may be reduced by 10% for winter-shorn sheep.

Group size - Where possible, pregnant ewes should be kept in groups of less than 50 to allow for better individual recognition and attention at lambing time.