

Appendix

SPACE ALLOWANCES

Fully slatted flooring may only be used in overnight lairages for non-breeding adult beef cattle, sheep or pigs. Calves, young lambs, dairy cows and in-calf heifers/cows must be provided with a non-slatted lying area.

The design of the slats must be suitable for the species and not cause livestock to slip, or cause foot injuries.

For pigs there is more specific requirements regarding slot and beam widths that must be adhered to:

Class of pig and weight of pig (kg)	Max. permitted tolerance (mm)	Max. width of slots (mm)	Min. beam width (mm)
Rearing and finishing pigs 20 - 125	±3	18	80
Sows and Boars	±3	20	80

When deciding on space allowances for a group of animals within an individual pen a number of factors must be considered. The factors include animal weight, size and physical condition; meteorological conditions (e.g. hot, humid weather); and length of time the animal has been on site.

Outlined below are the **absolute minimum** space allowances that must be adhered to. For the AWO to understand what these look like in practice, it is recommended that a sample of different sizes/ages of animals is taken and compared against the dimensions of a pen.

The cattle and sheep space allowances are taken from the Welfare of Animals in Transport Order. The pig space allowances are in accordance with the Red Tractor Farm Standards.

Cattle

Small calves	50kg	0.30 to 0.40m ²	+ all calves can lie down at the same time
Medium calves	110kg	0.40 to 0.70m ²	
Heavy calves	200kg	0.70 to 0.95m ²	
Medium sized cattle	325kg	0.95 to 1.30m ²	
Heavy cattle	550kg	1.30 to 1.60m ²	
Very heavy cattle	>700kg	>1.60m ²	

Note: A bovine animal is classified as a calf up to six months of age.

Sheep

Shorn sheep + Lambs >26kg	<55kg	0.30m ²	+ young lambs (being milk fed) can all lie down at the same time
	>55kg	>0.30m ²	
Unshorn sheep	<55kg	0.40m ²	
	>55kg	>0.40m ²	

Pigs

Feeding pigs	50.1 – 85kg	0.55m ² per pig	+ all pigs can lie down at the same time
	85.1-110kg	0.65m ² per pig	
	110kg +	1.00m ² per pig	
Sows in groups	More than 6 in the group	Sides longer than 2.8m 2.25m ² per pig	
	6 or fewer in the group	Sides longer than 2.4m 2.25m ² per pig	
Boars	As individuals	6m ² per boar	