

Glossary:Cattle housing - loose housing

Statistics Explained

Loose housing are [animal houses](#) where the animals are allowed to move freely and have free access over the whole area of the building or pen (a small enclosure for livestock). Cubicle house are also included here. Cubicle housings are buildings divided into rows of individual stalls or cubicles in which animals lay when at rest but are not restrained.

Loose housing may contain manure in the form of **solid dung and liquid manure** when there is a concrete floor which is cleaned more frequently by scraping may be provided in the area where the animals stand to feed and/or drink. It is common for a deep layer of bedding (usually straw) to be spread over the floor that is removed from the building, typically once or twice per winter, as farmyard manure.

Loose housing may also contain manure in the form of **slurry** when the manure and urine drop down below the floor into a pit, where they form slurry or where it may be scraped from concrete passageways and collected in storage tanks or lagoons, along with slurry deposited on outside yards.

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