

Information sheet

Overview of the minimum requirements for indoor/outdoor area in cattle farming

surface areas indoors and outdoors:

each animal	minimum indoor area m ² / head (net area available to animals)	minimum outdoor area m ² / head (exercise area, excluding pasturage)
cows	6,0	4,5
fattening or breeding bovine up to 100 kg	1,5	1,1
up to 200 kg	2,5	1,9
up to 350 kg	4,0	3,0
over 350	5,0 however mind. 1 m ² /100 kg	3,7 however mind. 0,75 m ² /100 kg
breeding bulls	10	30

floors:

At least half of the indoor surface area shall be solid, that is, not of slatted or of grid construction. Ample dry bedding strewn with litter material shall be provided in the rest area. The litter shall comprise straw or other suitable natural material. Floors shall be smooth but not slippery.

access to open air areas:

Cattle must have permanent access to open air areas, preferably pasture, whenever weather conditions and the state of the ground allow this.

In cases where cattle have access to pasturage during the grazing period and where the winter-housing system gives freedom of movement to the animals, the obligation to provide open air areas during the winter months may be waived.

Open air areas may be partially covered.

pasturage:

Cattle shall have access to pasturage for grazing whenever conditions allow.

specific housing conditions for calves:

The housing of calves in individual boxes is forbidden after the age of one week. After the age of one week calves shall be kept in groups.

prohibition of landless livestock production:

Landless livestock production, by which the operator of the livestock does not manage agricultural land and/or has not established a written cooperation agreement with another operator in organic system, is prohibited.

If you have any questions, please contact your inspection body.