



## Managing Mortalities on Cow-Calf and Dairy Operations

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Despite best efforts, every producer must eventually manage the disposal of dead animals. A recommended method of disposal has been rendering. The US Food and Drug Administration recently passed a rule on that may affect the cost and/or availability of rendering services for cow/calf and dairy producers. What are the possible impacts and alternative methods of carcass disposal? *An application for continuing education credit for Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and members of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) has been submitted.*



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- \* LPE Learning Center web page on Managing Livestock and Poultry Mortalities [http://www.extension.org/pages/Managing\\_Livestock\\_and\\_Poultry\\_Mortalities](http://www.extension.org/pages/Managing_Livestock_and_Poultry_Mortalities)
- \* Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) <http://www.cast-science.org/default.asp> has publications on mortality management for [ruminants](#), [poultry](#), and [swine](#).
- \* Cornell Waste Management Institute <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/>
- \* Livestock and Poultry Environmental Stewardship (LPES) Curriculum Lesson 51: Mortality Management [http://www.extension.org/pages/Lesson\\_51\\_Mortality\\_Management](http://www.extension.org/pages/Lesson_51_Mortality_Management)

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