

LOW STRESS CATTLE HANDLING - THE GAME CHANGER



The Industry Standard in Low Stress Cattle Handling

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Working cattle in close quarters has always been a high stress, labor intensive and, yes, even dangerous job for both handlers and the cattle. Most dangerous of all is that high intensity zone, that 10-12-foot area behind the chute. It is definitely high stress. Art Leetch has been around cattle all his life and has seen some pretty crazy things, even dangerous things happen when working cattle. "My dad was a ranch hand, and growing up in the Sand Hills of Nebraska, my whole life has been about working cattle. I love cattle, and over the years, it frustrated me watching all the stress, misery and pain cattle would go through with the old style chutes and the primitive way cattle were worked."

That all changed in 2006 when Leetch was introduced to a new way of working cattle. "In 2006, I was introduced to the Moly SILENCER Squeeze Chute System invented and designed by Jon Mollhagen, owner of Moly Manufacturing. I was sold." From that moment, Leetch knew these were the products he wanted to share with cattle producers. For him personally and all of his many satisfied customers, the A. L. SILENCER Squeeze Chute System has definitely been a game changer in the way cattlemen work their cattle. According to Leetch, there are so many benefits for both cattle and the handlers. "It is low stress for the cattle, there are less injuries to either cattle or handlers, it is quick and efficient, there is less labor which means it is a real money saver and its longevity is unbelievable."



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Low Stress Cattle Handling and Worker Safety

That best describes using Moly's Flight Zone Avoidance (FZA) system, which is a remote-controlled hydraulic system that significantly limits time, labor costs and is a safe and humane means of handling cattle. Safety comes in not having to be in that impact area (the last 10-12-foot alleyway to the SILENCER Chute). Instead, a remote control unit keeps the handlers safely away from the cattle.

It's understandable why this is truly a high pressure area. After all the cattle have come from a large pasture to a pen to a crowding area and then into a 30-inch alley that leads to the squeeze chute. Prior to the FZA System, handlers were right in with or behind the cattle, which put them in a precarious situation. Cattle would kick out, try to bolt backwards, sometimes hurting themselves and their handlers. Broken bones and even deaths occurred in this close intense, high risk situation. This is the only system in the cattle industry that offers this type of safety. Owners of the Moly FZA system often note that the cost of one workman's comp claim will pay for the entire system. The FZA Solution System may include Moly's TurretGate, Circular Fencing, Hydraulic Loading Chute, Dual and Single Alleys, Transitions and SILENCER Chutes. In essence, this is a true Solution System that protects both cattle and handlers.

TurretGate is an advanced gate design that shuttles back through the Turret, re-positioning behind waiting animals. It eliminates the need to swing the gate back open into the waiting animals and virtually eliminates the need for humans to be in with the cattle. The gate is controlled remotely and keeps the operator completely out of the flight zone. This significantly reduces the stress on animals, compared to the old-style manual crowd gates that pressure the animals into smaller areas, increasing the animal's stress. TurretGate helps keep the animals calm and the handlers safe. Moly's hydraulic sort gates can easily be added and customized to an existing facility.

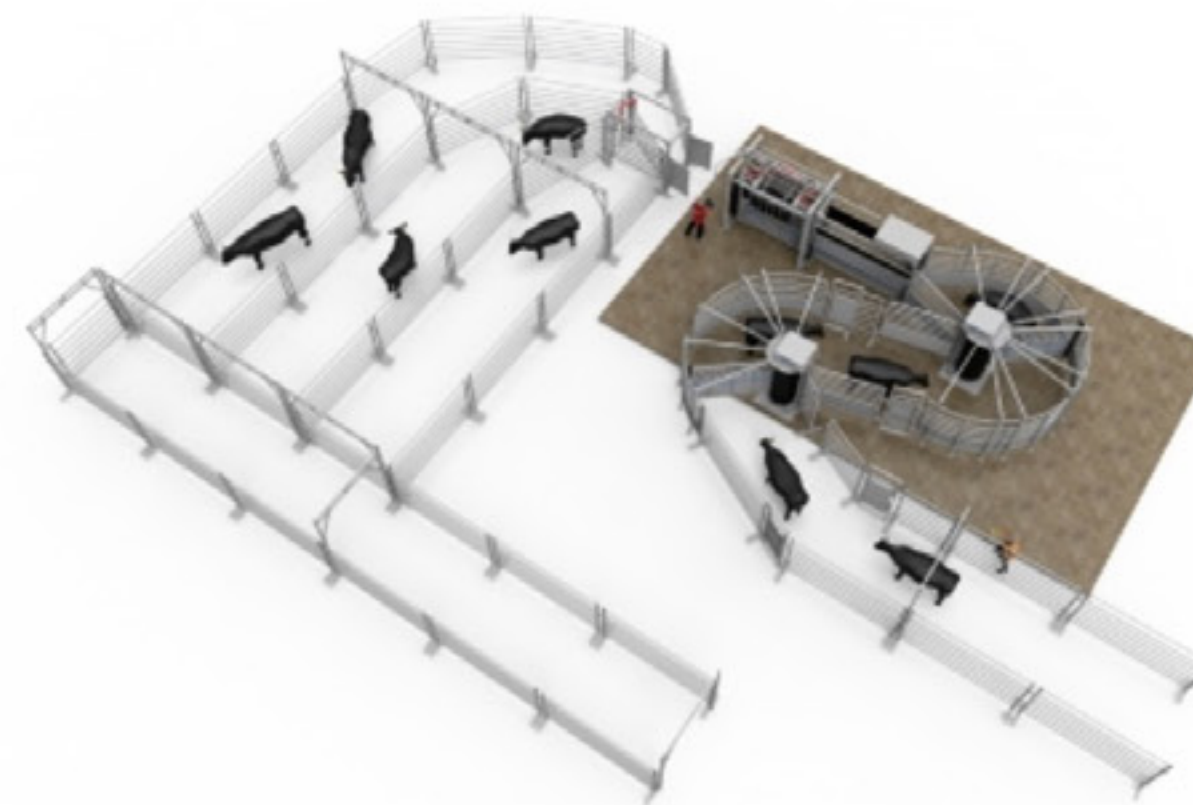
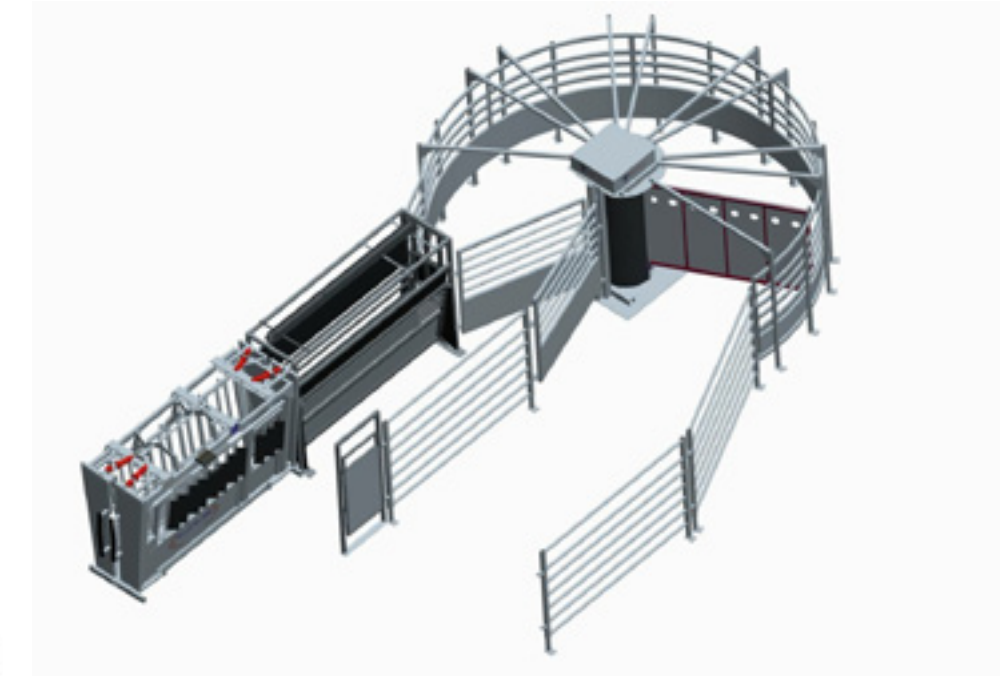
The FZA system is built to order, featuring easy installation and an optional anchoring system. The system is remote-controlled, easy to use and made from quality materials. Moly engineering will work with each producer to put the pieces together creating a system that meets that producer's specific needs. Products may be purchased as separate components or as a complete system. Positive features of the FZA system include the following:

Reduced Stress on Animals - Humans are able to stay farther from the animal's flight zone while animals flow through the Moly FZA system without added pressure or the use of electric prods. The use of the remote control creates a low-stress area for animals and humans.

Safety – Use of remote control virtually eliminates contact with cattle in high impact areas

Less Labor Required – System requires less effort. It can be operated by remote, from a distance, by one person with little training and no cattle-handling experience.

Easy to Install and Use – System (optional anchoring) is easily installed and ready for use in as few as 4 hours.



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