

2.9 Decommissioning

This process would be best carried out in stages, first dealing with the sheds themselves, then with any raw materials on site and finally with utilities.

- At depletion sheds will be mucked out with spent litter being incinerated at a local power-station or alternatively distributed to local farmers.
- Sheds and the yard will be washed down and disinfected.
- Sheds to be washed down externally
- All salvageable equipment such as feeders, drinkers, ventilation systems, heaters etc. shall be removed from the sheds.
- Fans, exhausts, and ventilation shafts should be closed or covered to keep out pests.
- Leftover feed will be removed from site by a sucker / blower lorry and taken to an operational farm.
- Feed silo's will be washed down and disinfected before being sealed off.
- The supplier will remove excess fuel and necessary arrangements would be made to render the empty tanks safe.
- Chemicals such as disinfectants or detergent may be taken to other operational sites where a need still exists
- Expired chemicals would be disposed of as per manufacturer recommendations.
- A licensed contractor will collect inorganic waste and the receptacle it is stored in. In short, anything considered a potential environmental risk should be removed from site before closing the farm.
- Storage tanks for 'dirty' water will be emptied, as well as the tank used to collect the foot dip solution.
- The changeover tank and lagoon will be left unchanged, but the dirty water storage tanks will be closed once they were emptied.
- The water and electric companies will be notified in order that a course of action can be taken in shutting off supplies.

Finally all houses and storerooms will be locked to discourage vandalism.

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