Using a Weigh Band

What is a weigh band?

It's a tape measure that can be used to determine the live weight of cattle, pigs, sheep and goats. Animal pictures are displayed on the sides of the band. One side shows a picture of a cow and the other has got a picture of a pig. The latter is used for pigs, goats and sheep.

How to use a weigh band

- Ensure that animal is confined
- Picture of the animal being weighed should be on top side of the band
- Hold tape at zero point with one hand
- Pass the tape under the animal's belly
- Move tape up to just behind the forelegs
- Read off the weight at the point where the last figure meets the zero point.

Advantages

- It is not expensive
- Easy to use
- Can be carried around
- It is faster and reliable
- Ideal for checking live weight gain

Goat weighing using a weigh band

Cow weighing using a weigh band

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