

## Inverell Regional Livestock Exchange Inverell, New South Wales



**Inverell Shire Council's sale yards** which was the first ISO 9000 Accredited sale yard in NSW identified the need to implement a flooring system for improved animal welfare.

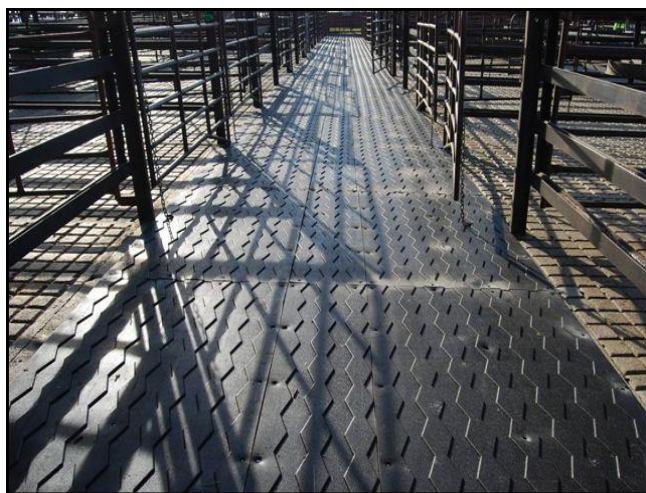
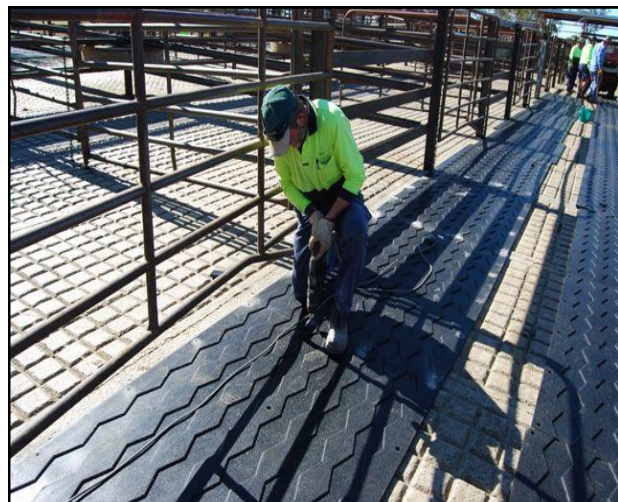
In early 2008 the owners and agents became concerned about cattle slipping over in the livestock facility so they looked at several possible solutions. The critical places where the animals were slipping over was on exiting the sale pens & in particular the corners and the weighing area. Over the years these hotspots have contributed to valuable animals being downgraded.

### Tim McIntyre Livestock Exchange manager said

*"During the trials it became very obvious to me that the RPS Cattle mats were a far superior product than the other mats being tested. The animal's behaviour has changed & on approach to the slip areas they walk through with confidence & ease.*

*Because we knew it was the right product for the right application, we had no hesitation deciding to do all the areas.*

*After almost a year in commercial use the original Cattle mats still show no signs of wear"*



In November 2008 the facility laid several different products for trial including RPS's SureFoot® Mat.

Although the trial was held for 6 months, it became very obvious early on that the SureFoot® Mat was a far superior product. Its ability to ensure stable footing to cattle far exceeded the performance of any other products being trialed.

After the trials were completed in July 2009 the Inverell Shire Council purchased 518 SureFoot® Mats. Their installation began immediately.

***With such huge success & a year later in 2010 in the sale yards have bought and installed another 250 SureFoot® mats.***

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