

Wagga Livestock Marketing Centre Wagga Wagga, New South Wales



Paul Martin Manager of Wagga Wagga Livestock Marketing Centre had this to say;

"The RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat has eliminated the issue we wanted to resolve without any negative impact.

Prior to the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat installation we spent at least \$1,000 a month on grit & cleaning costs which has now been reduced to a minimum. The additional benefit is the ammonia odour that used to float around the facility & into the administration offices has completely gone.

The mats have also eliminated the slip problem we originally had at the lead-in area where we had a concrete surface.

If we hadn't found the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat we'd probably be still looking & using our existing dirt floor".



The Wagga Livestock Marketing Centre is unique in its construction & layout. It was one of very few centres remaining with a dirt floor which requires increased maintenance over the more popular 'hard' surface floors. On an average sale day they would sell anywhere between 2,500 to 3,000 head of cattle. The animals are sold in a 'ring' or 'amphitheatre' environment where they are held for about 30 seconds for the bidding and then sent on into the 'flow through system'.

Wagga management spent more than a year searching for a surface solution, but couldn't find anything that would provide similar 'grip' properties to the earth floor, but without the mess & maintenance. **Concrete was just out of the question.** After almost giving up on looking for a solution, they one day they came across the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat at a local field day.



From discussions with RPS it was determined how the SureFoot® Cattle mat could be best utilized to eliminate the maintenance & mess issues the facility currently experienced. A concrete floor was first laid to provide a stable structure to install the RPS SureFoot® Cattle mat.

After the installation there was an immediate difference especially when it came to cleaning. It eliminated the need to use a bobcat to do the weekly clean of grit & mess, and the ammonia smell that floated through the facility including the offices had completely disappeared after each clean.

The SureFoot® Cattle mat had performed the task it was intended for, and without effecting the 'flow through' rate of the sale yards & the animals are still able to sure foot themselves like they could on the earth floor.

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