

## Should you do it?

Here are our conclusions and recommendations:

- This has worked well for us and we will continue to taxi our cows.
- The cows adapted well to loading in two weeks. Most walking easily on the trailer; a few need convincing.
- The cow taxi works well for once-a-day milking. We suspect it would not work as well for twice or more per day milking.
- Cow taxiing is less energy intensive than providing hay or green chopping.
- Cow taxiing works with small herds but would probably not work well with large herds.
- A cow taxi seems especially suited to providing milk for a value-added farm enterprise, in our case cheese making. (Purchasing milk from area producers was problematic in light of requirements by both the MMPA and the DFA.)
- A cow taxi is well suited to lands close to an urban center. Producing value-added products under these circumstances puts the producer close to the customer.

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