

Veterinarian Net Wrap Needs Assessment

Objective: In the Upper Midwest, stored forages bound with net wrap predominate winter feedstuffs on livestock operations. A recent concern expressed by livestock producers, is whether failure to remove the plastic prior to feeding can lead to its consumption and accumulation in the gastrointestinal tract, potentially negatively impacting animal performance and health. Therefore, SDSU Extension is conducting the following needs assessment to collect documentation on the effects of net wrap consumption on livestock health and performance from veterinary professionals.

As a veterinarian, do you believe net wrap poses a health risk for livestock? **Yes** **No**

Please explain why or why not:

Have you ever observed bale wrap accumulation in the rumen/stomach of livestock? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, document your findings in the table below to the best of your ability.

Animal type Circle all that apply	Wrap type observed (net wrap, plastic twine, sisal etc...)	# of Head found with ingested wrap over your time in practice	Comments
Feeder Calves			
Yearlings/fed cattle			
Mature Cows/Bulls			
Dairy Cattle			
Lambs/Ewes			
Horses			
Other			

In your estimation, how often was net wrap accumulation the main cause of death in these animals?

0% **25%** **50%** **75%** **100%** **Other** _____

Please explain:

What clinical signs (prior to death) have you associated with net wrap accumulation in livestock species?

