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i've fished a to on dairy and meat farms.

cows are always fine. heifers on the other hand sometimes retain some of their bullish aggression despite the loss of their misters.

while you're fishing both will generally just watch you, but that can draw a crowd. and that can be intimidating and cause problems when its time to leave.

i was charged by them a number of times until i saw how the locals do it - heifers are not afraid of shouting or waving of fishing rods, which is how most surrounded or threatened anglers react.

they'll pretty much smell your fear and move on in closer. i've hurried climbed five bar gates a few times in chest waders.

the trick is to show no fear, keep your voice low but firm and baby them (" c'mon no-nuts, out my way..."), followed by a swift tap on the ass with the handle of a long landing net or a wooden wading stick.

then walk slowly and ignore them. if you jog they'll run at you. they will follow you though.

i'm not sure its always malicious, maybe its just a game to them ?

i'd bet we anglers look and smell funny to them, the farmers smell of the farm obviously and don't wave useless sticks.

i like them, its part of the countryside experience. we city folks just have to learn their ways tis all.