Roll-up or Drop-down? ...and 4 other choices you'll have to make before purchasing an agricultural curtain.

Agricultural curtains, also called ag curtains, barn curtains, or livestock curtains, seem simple enough — they're just some fabric you put up around a barn to help keep your animals healthy. But go to purchase one, and you'll quickly realize these curtains are more complex than they appear. Buyers have several choices to make that will affect their curtains’ price, effectiveness, and lifespan.

**STEP 1: Curtain System**

**Roll-up**
- Attaches to the top of the barn opening.
- Rolled onto a bar by a pole attached to a motor or hand-crank.

**Drop-down**
- Attaches to the bottom of the barn opening.
- Raised and lowered via a system of cords and pulleys.

**STEP 2: Crank Mechanism**

**Roll-up**
- Requires manual effort.

**Drop-down**
- Motorized mechanisms open and close barn curtains quickly with electric motors.

**STEP 3: Fabric Quality**

**High-performance**
- Built to last.
- Customizable.

**Low-cost**
- Will save you money in the short-term.
- Need to be replaced more frequently.

**STEP 4: Fabric Breathability**

**Roll-up**
- Allow for rapid and precise cooling of hot environments.
- Popular for freestall barns.

**Drop-down**
- Ventilates more slowly than roll-up systems, but prevents drafts.
- Popular for young animals.

**STEP 5: Fabric Color**

**White**
- Light-colored barn curtain fabrics let some sunlight into the barn.

**Black**
- Dark-colored or “blackout” barn curtain fabrics limit the amount of light that comes in from outside.

**Clear**
- Clear fabrics let almost all sunlight into the barn, and act as a window for workers and livestock to see in and out.

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