Heifer Raiser
Source Farm Management Checklist

Farm: ______________________  Date: __________

**Dry and Prefresh Cows**

- One group _____  Two group ______
- Component fed _____  TMR ______
- Nutritionist formulated  Y / N  Who? ______________
- Feeding frequency ______________
- Monitor forage by qualitative analysis: VFA’s  Y / N;  mycotoxins  Y / N
- Stocking rate (sq. ft. per cow): dry cows _____ prefresh _____ calving _____
- Comfort factors:
  - air quality ______
  - heat abatement  Y / N;  fans  Y / N;  misters  Y / N
  - bedding type _______________
- Hair coat manure score (1 = great; 5 = poor) _______
- Routine vaccination program:  Product used
  - 9-way  Y / N
  - clostridium  Y / N
  - J-5  Y / N
  - Pasturella  Y / N
  - Hemophilus  Y / N
  - Endovac Bovi  Y / N
  - Spirovac  Y / N
  - Neoguard  Y / N

- Prevalence of known diseases (%), low, high unknown:  History
  - BVD  ____
Calving Period

- Stocking rate (#) and area per head in calving area:

- Cleanliness and dryness of area

- Exposure to other cattle: none limited open

- Ability to assist difficult calving:
  Good depending on time of day limited

- Ability to provide neonatal critical care:
  Good depending on time of day limited

- Level of hygiene by attendant:
  Hot, clean tap water? Y / N
  Mild disinfectant solution in pail? Y / N
  Ties up tail? Y / N
  Uses disinfectant soap in prep? Y / N
  Wears plastics sleeves? Y / N
  Disinfects or changes sleeves when soiled? Y / N
  Uses sterile lubricant? Y / N
  Disinfects chains, handles and puller between uses? Y / N

- “Dead on arrival” rate

- Disposition of dead calves: buried composted out back

- Ability to cleanly remove calf to a “nursery” area
Newborns

- Time elapsed from calving to first attendance: _____ average hours
- Navel care: 7% iodine Y / N; at first attendance Y / N; if no, when ________
  Repeated Y / N
- Protection from cold: hot box coat heating lamp none
- Protection from heat: shade fans open up barn raise hutch none
- Colostrum harvest: within ____ hrs. of calving
- Colostrum evaluation: Y / N
- Method used: heifer vs. cow visual colostrometer Quik-Test
- Sanitation of the articles of feeding:
  rinse put in wash vat rinse, wash, sanitize
- Colostrum storage: refrigerator freezer bucket bottle Zip Loc
- Storage time allowed without freezing: ___________________
- Holding time allowed without refrigeration: ________________
- Number of colostrum feedings: __________
- What is fed after colostrum? milk milk replacer
- If milk replacer is fed, what is the brand and formulation? _________________
- Isolation from other young stock and adults: same barn dedicated area
- Housing comfort and cleanliness:
  Comments:
- Entering Day 1 information:
  Who? _______________
Do you record dam with calf events? Y / N

- Methods of handling calves: same person(s) Y / N stress quiet/gentle Y / N
- Feeding prior to shipping: interval ____ hrs.
- Fly control: Y / N method? _____________
- Rodent control: Y / N method? _____________

**General considerations**

- Are you enrolled in the NYCHAPS program? Y / N
- If so, which module(s): _________________ _________________
- Is your attending veterinarian involved with baby calf management? Y / N
- Name of attending veterinarian and clinic: ______________________________
- Do you track the performance of off-farm raised, milking heifers separately from the rest of your herd? Y / N