

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:

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
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- Prevalence of known diseases (% , low, high unknown):

BVD	_____	<u>History</u>
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Johnes _____

Leucosis _____

Salmonellosis _____

Mycoplasma _____

Lepto hardjo _____

Neospora _____

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