

# Fresh Cow Evaluation

## Normal

## Problem

- Alert, looks healthy

Appearance

- Dazed, lazy

- 101.5° F—102.5° F

Temperature

- Under 101° F
- Over 103° F

- 2-3 contractions per minute

Rumen Health

- Fewer contractions - one per minute or less

- Negative test

Ketosis

- Positive test

- The pupil responds to changes in light from dark to illuminated

Eyes

- The pupil stays dilated during changes in light from dark to illuminated

Gently pinch a “tent” of skin

- It should return to normal in less than 1-2 seconds

Dehydration

Gently pinch a “tent” of skin

- Cow is dehydrated if it takes too long for skin to return to normal

- No retained placenta
- No abnormal smell or discharge

Metritis

- Retained placenta
- Smells or has an abnormal discharge