

**Calf Evaluation****Producer:** \_\_\_\_\_**Evaluation date:** \_\_\_\_\_

OK=acceptable, NI=needs improvement, U=unacceptable, na=not applicable or could not evaluate at visit.

**Calving area**

- OK NI U na Calving area is clean, dry.
- OK NI U na Calving area is draft free.
- OK NI U na A newborn calf procedure protocol is posted.
- OK NI U na Refrigerated colostrums has date, cow ID, milking number, quality ID, < 5 days old.
- OK NI U na Frozen colostrum has date, cow ID, milking number, quality ID.
- OK NI U na Stored colostrum containers are 2 quarts in size.
- OK NI U na A clean colostrometer is present.
- OK NI U na A clean esophageal feeder is present.
- OK NI U na Serum protein records are over 5.5 mg/dL.

**Milk mixing area**

- OK NI U na Cleaning and sanitizing procedures are posted.
- OK NI U na Soap and disinfectants are present.
- OK NI U na All equipment is dry.
- OK NI U na Equipment is clean and free of scratches (that make them hard to clean).
- OK NI U na A nipple brush and bottle brush are easily accessible.
- OK NI U na Nipples are not cut up and are clean and dry.
- OK NI U na No visible leftover feeding residue is present in this area.
- OK NI U na Area organized/clean, items accessible, everything is off the ground.
- OK NI U na Bags of milk replacer are stored in a clean, dry and off the ground.
- OK NI U na Open milk replacer bags are in a rubber container with a sealed lid.

**Calf hutches/pens**

- OK NI U na Calves have no nose-to-nose contact with older animals.
- OK NI U na Inside housing minimizes aerosol transmission to younger calves.
- OK NI U na Calves are not exposed to drafts.
- OK NI U na Air quality/ventillation is excellent in all areas where calves are housed.
- OK NI U na Outside hutches are located on elevated ground with excellent drainage.
- OK NI U na Calf hutches are placed and vents are utilized to optimize ventilation.
- OK NI U na Bedding is clean and is dry enough to pass the dry knee test.
- OK NI U na Extra bedding in cold weather (especially if floors are concrete).
- OK NI U na Two feeding pails are used – 1 for water/milk and 1 for starter.
- OK NI U na Feeding pails are placed so that the calf cannot defecate or urinate in them.
- OK NI U na Area is clean and can be easily cleaned with 24+ square feet per calf.
- OK NI U na Feed pails are clean.
- OK NI U na Water pails are clean.
- OK NI U na Milk replacer powder is mixed correctly with 110 - 120° F water.
- OK NI U na Milk replacer is fed to calves at about 100° F.
- OK NI U na Bottles are removed from the calves shortly after they are empty.
- OK NI U na Small amounts of fresh starter are provided for new calves.
- OK NI U na Excessive starter is not present.
- OK NI U na Calf starter is correctly stored but not in a barn that may give it an off odor.
- OK NI U na Calf starter is coarse and does not contain fines.
- OK NI U na Water is clean and free of starter, manure or milk.
- OK NI U na No forage is provided to calves (until 2+ weeks post-weaning).
- OK NI U na Calf bodies are clean.
- OK NI U na Calf body condition (body fat) is adequate.
- OK NI U na Calf noses are clean. Nasal discharge and coughing is not excessive.
- OK NI U na Scouring is not excessive.

**Weaned calf group pens**

- OK NI U na Pens are clean, dry.
- OK NI U na Feeders are clean.
- OK NI U na Forage is minimal (5 - 8% of intake or 0.3 - 0.5 lb/calf/day fed) and high quality.
- OK NI U na Feed is free of fines.
- OK NI U na Water is present and clean.
- OK NI U na Calf bodies are clean.
- OK NI U na Calf body condition (body fat) is adequate.
- OK NI U na Calf noses are clean. Nasal discharge and coughing is not excessive.
- OK NI U na Calves per pen are appropriate in number. Calves in each pen are uniform in size.

