Calf Housing Questions

1. Circle all of the choices that apply to where are calves born
   a. Designated maternity area that is occupied by more than one cow
   b. Individual cow stall
   c. Pasture
   d. Dry lot
   e. Calving area is in the freestall, tie stall or stanchion barn.
   f. Calving area is in a separate facility.
   g. Calving area houses all close up dry cows.
   h. Calving area houses only calving cows.
   i. Calving area houses sick, lame or treated cows.

2. Circle the responses that apply to observation of the calving cows or maternity area.
   a. Cows are observed once daily
   b. Cows are observed twice daily
   c. Cows are observed three times daily
   d. Cows are observed four or more (but not continuously) each day
   e. Cows are observed more than four times daily
   f. Calving cows are always under observation
   g. Calving cows are the responsibility of a single individual dedicated to that area or group.
   h. Calving cows are the responsibility of several people who have other responsibilities.

3. Is the maternity/calving area shared with other – lame, treated, or sick – cows?
   a. Yes
   b. No

4. How often is bedding added to the calving/maternity area?
   a. Daily
   b. Weekly
   c. Monthly

5. How often is bedding removed from the calving/maternity area?
   a. Daily
   b. Weekly
   c. Monthly
   d. Yearly
6. Calves are removed from calving area_____
   a. As soon as they are born
   b. Within 30 minutes of being born
   c. Within 2 hours of calving
   d. At the next time that the pen is observed
   e. At the next shift change
   f. First thing in the morning
   g. Within 6 hours of calving
   h. Within 12 hours of calving
   i. At the next milking time

7. After calving, where are calves moved first?
   a. Depends on time of year
   b. To a drying, warming, or temporary holding area
   c. To the permanent, pre-weaning “home”
   d. To an individual pen or hutch
   e. To a group calf pen
   f. Off the farm to a separate facility or calf raiser

8. Do heifers and bull calves have the same traffic patterns?
   a. Yes
   b. No        When do bull calves leave the farm? ________________

9. How many calf hutch, crates or individual calf pens are available for use?  
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10. At what age are calves moved to their permanent, pre-weaning home?
    a. Less than 2 hours
    b. Between 2 and 6 hours
    c. 6 to 12 hours of age
    d. 12 to 24 hours
    e. 24 hours or greater

11. What bedding material(s) is used in calf pens or hutch?
    ____________________________________________________________________

12. How often is bedding added to the calf pen or hutch?
    a. Daily
    b. Weekly
    c. As needed
    d. Never
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13. How often is bedding removed from the calf pen or hutch?
    a. Daily
    b. Weekly
    c. As needed
    d. After weaning

14. How many calves have been born in the last 3 months?
    a. Heifer calves _____
    b. Bull calves _____

15. How many pre-weaned calves are being fed today? _____
    a. Heifer calves _____
    b. Bull calves _____

16. How many empty calf pens or hutches are there today? ____