

FARM NAME: _____

DATE: _____

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

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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 hutches, crates or individual calf pens are available for use?

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 hutches?

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? _____