

FARM NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Colostrum History

Check the most appropriate response(s) to the following questions. More than one response may apply for several of the questions asked.

1. Calves get colostrum by:
 - a. **Nursing** the dam
 - b. Being **hand fed**.
 - c. **Combination** of nursing and hand feeding.

2. If calves are hand fed colostrum, what volume of colostrum is fed to the calf at the first feeding?
 - a. 1 qt
 - b. 2 qt
 - c. 3 qt
 - d. 4 qt

3. If colostrum is hand fed, how is colostrum presented to the calves?
 - a. Calves nurse from a bottle.
 - b. Calves nurse from a bucket.
 - c. Esophageal feeder is used to feed **all** of the colostrum.
 - d. Esophageal feeder is used to give what colostrum the calf won't suckle.

4. For **colostrum feeding only**, indicate how many of each of the following you currently have.
 - a. Nipple bottles _____
 - b. Buckets _____
 - c. Nipples _____
 - d. Esophageal feeders _____
 - e. Other colostrum feeding containers _____

5. Circle the appropriate responses regarding the colostrum source for your calves:
 - a. **Fresh** colostrum is fed from the dam
 - b. **Fresh** colostrum is fed from dam, only if it is not a first calf heifer
 - c. **Fresh pooled** colostrum is fed from more than 1 fresh cow
 - d. **Refrigerated** colostrum from an **individual cow** is fed
 - e. **Refrigerated** colostrum from a **pooled** colostrum source is fed
 - f. **Frozen** colostrum from an **individual cow** is fed
 - g. **Frozen** colostrum from a **pooled** source is fed
 - h. Colostrum is fed only if the source is a Johnes-negative cow
 - i. A colostrum **replacement** product is fed to all calves
 - j. A colostrum **replacement** product is fed to some calves
 - k. **Pasteurized colostrum** is fed

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6. Regarding the timing of colostrum feeding, circle the responses that apply.
 - a. Calves suckle their dam as soon as they can stand.
 - b. Calves are hand fed as soon as they are found.
 - c. Calves are fed after the dam is milked.
 - d. Calves are fed as soon as they are moved from the calving area.
 - e. Calves are fed as soon as they are placed in their hutch or calf pen.
 - f. Calves are fed within 2 hours of birth.
 - g. Calves are fed between 2 and 6 hours of birth.
 - h. Calves are fed after fresh cows are milked.
 - i. Calves are fed after the next milking.

7. How many feedings of **colostrum** are given to calves?
 - a. One feeding
 - b. Two feedings
 - c. Three feedings
 - d. Four or more feedings

8. Regarding fresh cows and heifers, circle the correct responses:
 - a. Colostrum is collected from fresh cows at regularly scheduled milking times.
 - b. Colostrum is collected at times unrelated to regular milking.
 - c. Colostrum is collected in the regular milking site.
 - d. Colostrum is collected in a site other than the normal milking area.
 - e. Colostrum is collected into individual containers.
 - f. Colostrum from more than 1 cow is pooled into a storage container.
 - g. Colostrum is held at room temperature until feeding.
 - h. Colostrum is put in the refrigerator until feeding.
 - i. Colostrum is frozen until feeding.

9. Is any colostrum testing done - on the farm or by your veterinarian?
 - a. Yes
 - i. Colostrometer
 - ii. Calf blood test
 - b. No