

# MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF MALE DAIRY CALVES

Before you ship ask these questions



## 1 IS THE CALF HEALTHY?

- BRIGHT, ALERT AND WELL HYDRATED
- NORMAL CALF TEMPERATURE 38.5°C
- EARS UP, AND BREATHING WELL

## 5 DOES THE CALF HAVE SCOURS?

- DO NOT SHIP!
- TREAT, IF NECESSARY, OBSERVE MEAT WITHDRAWAL

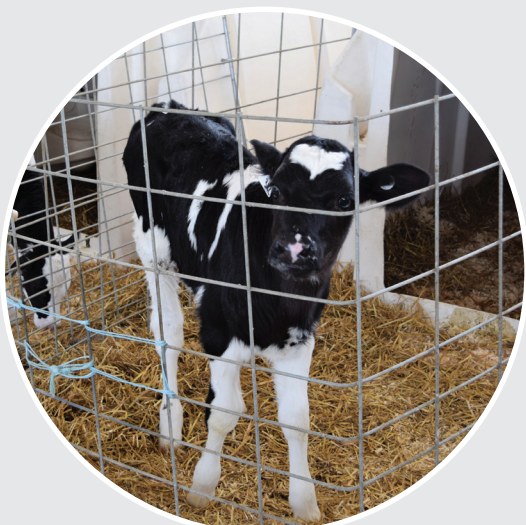


## 2 WAS THE CALF FED COLOSTRUM AT BIRTH?

- FEED FOUR LITRES WITHIN SIX HOURS OF BIRTH
- FIRST FEEDING SHOULD BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

## 6 IS THE CALF NINE DAYS OR OLDER?

- YES-THE CALF CAN GO TO A SALE BARN OR ASSEMBLY CENTRE
- NO-THE CALF IS PROHIBITED FROM GOING TO A SALE BARN OR ASSEMBLY CENTRE
- IF POSSIBLE, SEND PROOF OF AGE



## 3 IS THE CALF OVER 90 LBS?

- STRONG AND HEALTHY
- STANDING AND WALKING ON ALL FOUR LEGS

## 7 WHEN WAS THE CALF LAST FED?

- IS THE CALF IN GOOD BODY CONDITION?
- DOES THE CALF HAVE A FULL ABDOMEN?
- SEND RECORDS INDICATING TIME OF LAST FEEDING



## 4 DOES THE CALF HAVE A DRY, HEALED NAVEL?

- IF THE NAVEL IS UNHEALED IT IS UNFIT, CANNOT LEAVE THE FARM UNLESS TO RECEIVE CARE RECOMMENDED BY A VETERINARIAN

## 8 DOES THE CALF HAVE AN EAR TAG?

- MALE DAIRY CALVES LEAVING THE FARM MUST BE IDENTIFIED WITH A SINGLE, APPROVED RFID EAR TAG



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