Fallen Oaks Custom Calves

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Future Auto Feeder site
Incoming Protocol for Heifer Calves

At the dairy

• Dip naval & ID/tag

• Inforce 3, internasal prevention of respiratory disease caused by Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Parainfluenza 3 (PI3),

• TriShield paste K99+ E. coli and bovine coronavirus, while also reducing severity and duration of scours caused by bovine rotavirus

At our place

Overall health score: TP/body score /weights

• Once PMH control of respiratory disease caused by Mannheimia haemolytica and as an aid in the prevention of disease caused by Pasteurella multocida

• Weaning:
  • Inforce 3 & Once PMH
  • BoviSHield Gold 5 IBR, BVD Types I and II, PI3 and BRSV.

• Dehorn with pain mitigation/ Transdermal pour-on is indicated for the control of fever associated with bovine respiratory disease and the control of pain
Daily Health Checks

Daily health checks are done everyday to ensure the health and comfort of every calf. These health checks serve as a means of calf evaluation, record keeping, and overall health management. Health checks also can be used as diagnostic tools.
Often first sign of illness is loss of appetite. Be alert for calves that may drink slower than normal. Play with milk rather than drink, lie down immediate after drinking, refuse milk or act listless at feeding time.
- Use your eyes: the calf should fit this description:
  - Clear, bright eyes- not sunken, watery or glazed
  - Slightly erect ears that are turned forward-not droopy or downward
  - Moist nose- no mucus, not runny, not dry
  - Slow and even breathing- not rapid, panting or labored
  - Shiny hair coat that is smooth to slightly curly- not flaky, patchy or brittle
  - Sweet to slightly sour breath – not rancid or curdled
  - Dry and comfortable not cold and shivering
Does your calf …

- Stretches when rising and remains stable when standing
- Eats vigorously and suckles more after finished feeding
- NOSE:
  - Use your nose: smell the air. Is it fresh? Are there sour or unpleasant orders indicating scours or other health problems?

- EARS:
  - Use your ears: Does the calf sound normal? Are calves responding at feeding times? Are they quiet and content after feeding times and while resting? Are any calves coughing?
- Be sensitive to each calf, are you quiet and calm?
• SCOURS:
  • Is their back-end wet/ legs wet
  • Is there a pile of manure to evaluate
  • Is the manure of pudding consistency, water, chunks of manure in looser consistency
  • Look at the hutch for evidence,
  • Have we changed volume or solid levels, has replacer changed its formula?

Is the calf aggressive to eat or more lethargic?
My Favorite….GO TOO’s
Conserving Energy, WARM

Bottle Koozie

Calf Jackets / Hoodie Season
I may even double jacket on extreme cold temps.
Conventional vs AdLib Feeding Program

• Both Control group & Trial group, both where weaned and weighed at 60-65 days
• Both received a 13% solid 24/20 Milk Replacer diet - Average Daily Gains (ADG)
• CONTROL - ADG
• TRIAL- ADG
• Fed 7 L daily
• Fed average of 17L daily
• Group Average 2.97#
• Group Average 2.78
• Starter intakes.....