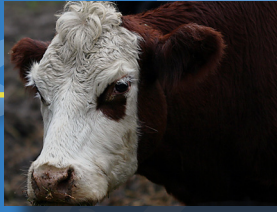


Bovine

Ohio Livestock Care Standards



Dairy, Beef



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Care, Handling and Transportation

- Newborn dairy and beef calves **must** be offered colostrum or a colostrum replacement within 24 hours of birth.
- When transporting bovines, the animals **must** be able to stand in their natural position without touching the top of the transport conveyance.
- Dairy calves with navels that have not yet dried after birth are not permitted to be loaded for transport to a terminal market, a nonterminal market or a collection facility.

Management

- When castrating cattle, determinations regarding the method of castration and the use of pain management **must** take into consideration the animal's age and weight, environmental conditions, available facilities and safety.
- When dehorning cattle after the horn has erupted (after it is no longer covered by hair), a pain management practice **must** be used.
- Tail docking cannot be performed *before* the confirmation of pregnancy unless the animal is part of a dairy herd that practices tail docking. A fly management plan **must** be in place.
- Beginning January 1, 2018, tail docking can only be performed by a licensed veterinarian and only if medically necessary.

Housing

- If tie stalls or stanchions are used for dairy cattle, the animals **must** have room to stand, lie down, eat, drink, defecate, and urinate comfortably.
- Free stalls, tie stalls or stanchions used for dairy cattle **must** be designed so that the length and width provides appropriate space to accommodate the size of the animal's body.
- The stalls or stanchions **must** be cleaned and have the bedding replenished regularly. If bedded pack is used, it **must** be bedded regularly.

Euthanasia

The only acceptable methods of euthanasia for cattle are the use of a penetrating captive bolt, a gunshot, or the use of injectable barbiturates.

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