

July 27, 2022

Fresh Cow Program

NORMAL ANIMAL

Behavior	Cows stay in a group, alert, actively curious.
Eating	Cows come up to the bunk when offered feed. Good appetite.
Comfort	Standup eating, lying down resting, chewing cud.
Stance	Stand squarely and stand for long periods of time.
Heart rate	60-84 beats per minute
Breathing rate	12-32 breaths per minute
Nose	Wet
Skin pinch	Skin flatten in no more than 1-2 seconds
Eyes	Clear, no excessive tearing
Ears	Warm
Temperature	102 – 103°F
Udder	Normal color and texture, symmetrical, CMT 1 or less in all quarters.
Urine color	Pale yellow
Urine pH	Slightly alkaline, 7.4
Vagina	Some discharge may be present, normally odorless
Feces	No constipation or watery diarrhea
Movement	Normal gait and motion
Day 1 through 8	Observe cows daily and monitor milk production, conductivity, eating behavior and temperature if needed.

Any animal showing problems will be checked by the dairy crew and the appropriate treatment implemented. The managers will make the assessment and will contact the vet if necessary. The most prevalent health problems are DA, pneumonia, or metritis.