



119 Tools & Checklists

The 2017 National Dairy FARM (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) Animal Care Reference Manual

by National Milk Producers Federation

In **Significant Impact Groups:**

Other \ Other

Species targeted: Dairy;Beef;

Age:

Summary:

The FARM Program, began in 2009, helps build and maintain consumer trust, demonstrating that dairy farmers share consumer values and are committed to quality animal care. The Animal Care Manual lays out best practice guidelines for farmers to follow in the voluntary scheme. External audits are completed on every participating farm every 3 years or more, which reviews their animal care practices. Continuous Improvement Plans are developed by the farmers and the auditors, which identify areas of improvement. The manual includes:

- Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship documentation signed by the farm managers and Veterinarian
- Documentation on training of all employees with animal care responsibilities and written protocols for various aspects of animal care on the dairy.
- Guidelines on colostrum management and care of milk-fed calves.
- Guidelines on water, feed, nutritional and space requirements
- Guidelines for Herd Health Planning with targets for measuring and monitoring herd health.
- Protocols for handling, movement, transportation of animals, dairy beef, injured and non-ambulatory animals.

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Where to find the original material:

<https://nationaldairyfarm.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Version-3-Manual-1.pdf>;

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