

Observing Calves

Signs of a sick calf

- Leaves some feed/milk or quits eating entirely.
- Dull eyes, not alert, droopy ears.
- Scours
- Runny nose
- Dry nose
- Cough
- Swollen or puffy left side (bloat).
- Limping
- Unusual skin conditions.
- Temperature above 104.
- Are they anxious to eat? (Calves should be front and center to eat).

Check calves' health.

- Everyday make sure calves are healthy and well bedded.
- Using flashlight and checking calf's manure
- Do you smell ammonia or fresh scours?
- Do the calves get up when they see you coming? (In some cases, she may just be in a heavy sleep)
- Are they "bright eyed and bushy tailed?"
- How are the hair coats?
- Are the calves resting comfortably?
- Do you hear rough breathing?