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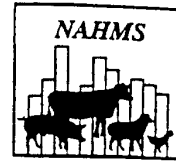
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Beef '97

Beef Feed Management

Report - Second VS Visit

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SECTION 1 - JANUARY-JUNE PRODUCTIVITY

1. This question includes beef heifers that calved before July 1.
How many beef cows were on hand July 1, 1997? F101 _____ head

2. How many beef replacement heifers were on hand July 1, 1997? F102 _____ head

3. How many beef breeding cattle (replacement heifers, cows, and bulls)
died or were lost from all causes in the first six months of 1997,
January 1 through June 30? F103 _____ head

4. How many beef calves were born alive in the first six months of 1997,
January 1 through June 30? F104 _____ calves
 A. Of these, how many calves born alive were to beef heifers? F105 _____ calves
 B. Of these, how many calves born alive were to beef cows? F106 _____ calves
CHECK: #4A+#4B should equal #4.

5. How many beef calves were born dead in the first six months of 1997,
January 1 through June 30? F107 _____ calves
 A. Of these, how many calves born dead were to beef heifers? F108 _____ calves
 B. Of these, how many calves born dead were to beef cows? F109 _____ calves
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6 For this question, think about the calves from question 3 above that were born alive in the first six months of 1997, January 1 through June 30. How many of these calves died or were lost from all causes before they reached 3 weeks of age? F110 _____ head

Of these beef calves less than 3 weeks of age that died or were lost, how many died or were lost at:

- A. 24 hours or less after birth, excluding calves born dead? ... _____ head OR _____ % F111 F114
- B. more than 24 hours but less than 4 days after birth? _____ head OR _____ % F112 F115
- C. 4 days or more after birth, but less than 3 weeks after birth? _____ head OR _____ % F113 F116

Check: column should = #6 ... OR 100%

7. How does the number of calves born dead or died in the first 3 days of life on this operation compare with your expected losses in a normal year? .. F117 _____ code
 1= Above expected
 2= About the same as expected
 3= Less than expected

8. Following is a description of a clinical syndrome which has been used to describe some calf losses.

This syndrome results in a larger than expected number of calves that are stillborn, born too weak to nurse, or that nurse normally but die within 2-3 days, often after showing signs of scours, pneumonia, or navel ill. Producers typically call these "dummy calves." The clinical syndrome has been dubbed "weak calf syndrome" or "calf mystery disease."

Do you feel that your operation has experienced this disease syndrome this year?. $\frac{Y_1}{F118} \quad N_3$

9. How many, or what percent, of your heifer calves weaned in 1996 were pregnant when weaned? F119 _____ head
 F120 OR _____ %

- A. How does this compare to 5 years ago in 1992? F121 _____ code
 1= more
 2= same
 3= less

SECTION 2 - FEED MANAGEMENT

1. In this question, the term "roughage" means hay, fresh chop forage, or pasture that beef animals may eat or graze. Do cow/calf pairs eat or graze on roughage obtained from fields where manure in solid or liquid form was applied to the surface but not plowed under during the same growing season? F201 $\frac{Y_1}{N_3}$

- A. If #1 is No, skip to #2. After applying manure to a field, how many days do you wait before cow/calf pairs are allowed to eat or graze the roughage from that field? F202 _____ days

2. Which of the following best describes how harvested forage is fed to the cow/calf pairs shortly after calving? F203 _____ code
- 1= No harvested forage fed; pasture only
 - 2= Harvested forage fed in feed bunk or feeder
 - 3= Harvested forage fed on ground
 - 4= Harvested forage fed in feedbunk and on ground
3. Which of the following best describes how supplements are fed to the cow/calf pairs shortly after calving? F204 _____ code
- 1= No supplement fed
 - 2= Supplement fed in feed bunk or feeder
 - 3= Supplement fed on ground
 - 4= Supplement fed in feedbunk and on ground
4. Have cows been fed an ionophore (such as Rumensin® or Bovatec®) in the last 90 days? F205 Y₁ N₃
5. In the last 90 days, did this operation feed beef cows:
- A. alfalfa silage or haylage? F206 Y₁ N₃
 - B. corn silage? F207 Y₁ N₃
 - C. clover as forage or pasture? F208 Y₁ N₃
 - D. whole cottonseed or hulls? F209 Y₁ N₃
 - E. cotton seed meal? F210 Y₁ N₃
 - F. whole soybean or soybean meal? F211 Y₁ N₃
 - G. meat and bone meal or blood meal? F212 Y₁ N₃
 - H. tallow? F213 Y₁ N₃
6. Do cow/calf pairs have access to:
- A. ponds? F214 Y₁ N₃
 - B. lakes? F215 Y₁ N₃
 - C. rivers/streams? F216 Y₁ N₃
 - D. water tank with well or spring water as its source? F217 Y₁ N₃
 - E. water tank with surface water as its source (i.e., ponds, rivers, etc.)? F218 Y₁ N₃
 - F. water tank with municipal water as its source? F219 Y₁ N₃
 - G. areas that always or seasonally retain water such as stagnant streams or water holes, low areas that don't drain, and/or areas that collect runoff surface water? F220 Y₁ N₃
7. This question asks about colostrum given to newborn beef calves in addition to or replacement of suckling the dam. What percentage of all beef calves born in 1996 were given colostrum from:
- A. Their own dams by tube or bottle? F221 _____ %
 - B. Another cow on the operation by tube or bottle? F222 _____ %
 - C. Dairy cow colostrum from off the operation by tube or bottle? F223 _____ %
 - D. A Colostrum substitute/supplement such as colostrx®? F224 _____ %

NOTE: Sum of #7A through #7D does NOT need to equal 100%

SECTION 3 - BREED COMPOSITION

1. Describe the breed composition of this herd. Include breed(s) of bulls used in the last 5 years and the breed composition of the cow herd. If possible, comment on the relative frequency of breeds within the herd.

For example: A mixture of Simmental and Gelbvieh bulls have been used in the past 5 years. Started with basically a straight hereford herd and now have approximately 60% Simmental-Hereford cross cows and 40% Gelbvieh-Hereford cross cows.

Bull Breed Composition:

Beef Cow Breed Composition:

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The Beef Feed Management Report MUST be completed for all operations that completed a Beef Health Management Report in March or April. Enter one of the following response codes.

1. Response Code FRCO _____
 1 = Completed BFMR via a personal interview
 2 = Completed BFMR via a telephone interview
 3 = Refused to complete the BFMR
 4 = Not contacted

If #1 has a response code of 3 or 4, form is complete.

2. Producer Data Quality (PDQ) for BFMR (See handbook for codes of 1-4) . FPDQ _____ code
 3. Field Data Quality (FDQ) for BFMR (Completed by Coordinator) FFDQ _____ code
 4. Total times to complete the:
 A. BFMR questionnaire FITM _____ min
 B. Blood collection (write N/A if subsampling not done) BLTM _____ min
 C. Forage collection FOTM _____ min
 D. Water collection WTTM _____ min
 E. Fecal collection FETM _____ min