

# Housing and Facilities TOP TEN

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VEAL QUALITY ASSURANCE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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Adequate space is provided for calves to easily stand, stretch, lie down, turn around, groom naturally, and have visual contact with other calves.

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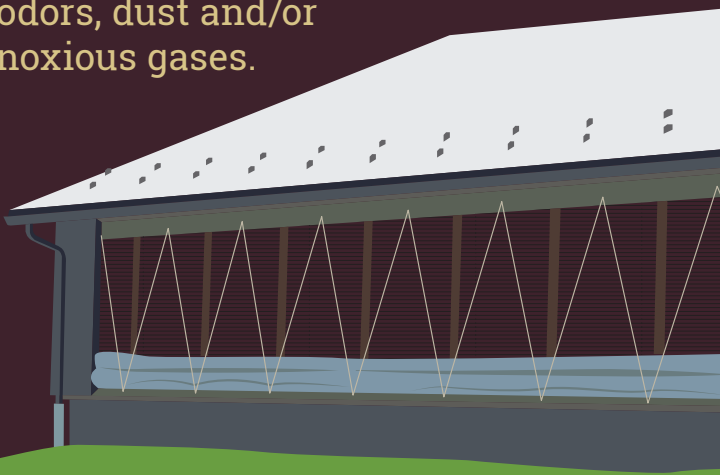
All classes of calves are provided with reasonable protection from heat and cold.

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Facilities provide ample natural and/or overhead lighting.

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Facilities are ventilated and protocols are in place to minimize airborne particles as a means to reduce odors, dust and/or noxious gases.



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A visitor protocol is established, and employees are trained at following visitor procedures.

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Calves are in group pens of two or more calves, and no calf is individually penned after 10 weeks of age, unless it is for health purposes such as sickness, injury or disease.



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Calves should never be tethered.

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Pens are routinely cleaned, and the resting area provides cushion, warmth, dryness and traction at all times.

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All housing elements including flooring, fans, waterers, gates and fences are consistently monitored and in good repair.

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A plan is in place for managing and eliminating pests, especially those that carry disease or contamination.

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