Worksheet 1A: On-site Evaluation

This worksheet is intended to be used during a site visit.

Please check a box for each item to score:

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Housing - Lactating Cows

1 2 3 4

- Location
- Ventilation (air odor, moisture, condensation)
- Grouping
- Cow traffic alleys (floor surface, cow flow)
- Water system (access, odor, etc.)
- Lighting (20 fc minimum)

Comments:

Feeding System – Cows

General:

1 2 3 4

- Fresh and sufficient feed
- Feed quality
- Body condition
- Fecal scores
- Cud chewing

Comments:

Feed bunks:

1 2 3 4

- Surface
- Space / access (linear feet of bunk or number of head locks)
- Access time
- Cleaning management (daily?)

Comments:
Feeding System – Cows (continued)

Bunker silo:

1 2 3 4

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Size
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Face area
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Removal rate
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Pack
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Face management
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Covering
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Moisture
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Odor / taste / pH
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Particle size
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Kernel evaluation

Comments:

Milkling System

1 2 3 4

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Milking facility
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Milking equipment
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Parlor routine
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Milking procedure

Comments:

Cow Comfort

1 2 3 4

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Sufficient stalls
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Cow cleanliness
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Feet / leg condition
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Foot bath usage

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## Dry Cow Management

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- Housing facilities
- Maternity facilities
- Grouping
- Dry cow cleanliness
- Body condition

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## Youngstock Management

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- Calf housing
- Calf environment
- Calf health
- Grouping by age
- Heifer cleanliness
- Body condition

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## Waste Management

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- Daily waste management / removal
- Waste storage / application system

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## Farmstead

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- Location
- Drainage
- Environmentally friendly
- Livestock lots
- Livestock building condition
- Machinery storage
- Yard condition

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