

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR DAIRY PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Select animals which are alert and healthy
2. Choose an animal with a good pedigree
3. Provide single pens
4. Prepare a clean, draft-free shelter
5. Control temperature and humidity
6. Confine calves for maximum growth
7. Sanitize pens after each move
8. Provide exercise for young replacements
9. Feed a high-quality grain ration
10. Provide adequate, high-quality roughage
11. Supply a properly balanced mineral mix
12. Feed the proper milk replacer
13. Mix milk replacer properly
14. Train calf to drink
15. Maintain clean, dry bedding
16. Provide plenty of clean, fresh water
17. Develop and implement a sound health plan
18. Control internal and external parasites
19. Vaccinate animals routinely at proper times
20. Train calves and cows for show
21. Clip and trim calves and cows for show
22. Trim feet on animals regularly
23. Correctly fill out a show entry form
24. Properly wash a calf or cow for show
25. Detect heat in cows
26. Select a well proven bull to mate with your cows
27. Use A.I. for greater genetic improvement
28. Provide a good quality pasture inadequate amounts
29. Pregnancy check cows
30. Prepare a clean dry calving area
31. Dip calf's navel in iodine at birth
32. Provide newborn calves with proper shots
33. Dehorn calves
34. Remove extra teats
35. Keep milking area clean and sanitary
36. Keep milking equipment clean and sanitary
37. Wash and dry udder prior to milking
38. Dip and dry teats after each milking
39. Cool milk immediately after milking
40. Periodically check for udder infection or mastitis
41. Cull any cows with problems
42. Keep accurate production records on herd
43. Put cows on test with DHIA
44. Track market trends and habits
45. Develop a permanent identification system
46. Complete a registration application
47. Keep accurate enterprise records
1. 48. Summarize and analyze records