

Your calf care partners

IS THIS CALF FIT TO SHIP?



Before shipping dairy calves off the farm follow this simple checklist.

Description	YES	NO
 IS THE CALF HEALTHY? Bright, alert and well hydrated Ears up, breathing well Normal calf temperature 38.5°C 		
 WAS THE CALF FED COLOSTRUM AT BIRTH? Feed four litres within six hours of birth First feeding should be as soon as possible 		NOTE: Send record indicating calf was not fed colostrum.
IS THE CALF OVER 90 LBS? • Strong and healthy • Standing and walking on all four legs		
DOES THE CALF HAVE A DRY, HEALED NAVEL?	NOTE: If the navel is unhealed or infected it is unfit.	
DOES THE CALF HAVE SCOURS?	NOTE: Do not ship! Treat, if necessary and observe meat withdrawal.	
IS THE CALF NINE DAYS OR OLDER? • Send proof of age	NOTE: The calf can go to a sale barn or assembly centre.	NOTE: The calf is prohibited from going to a sale barn or assembly centre.
 WAS THE CALF FED IN THE LAST HOUR? Calves can only travel for 12 hours from the time of the last feeding The final destination is not known Send record of time of last feeding 		NOTE: Feed before leaving farm.
DOES THE CALF HAVE AN EAR TAG? • Male dairy calves leaving the farm must be identified with a single, approved RFID ear tag		

If no was answered on any question, retain on dairy farm until the calf is ready.

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