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### Animal Welfare Checklist

#### Cattle - Dairy

Name of Farm: Swartwater

Physical Address: Swartwater Pkwy.

Postal Address: Poebus 88 Durling 7345

Owner: J.K. Benson

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Name of Dairy: Ocean Breeze A. Stein

Marketing Name: —

GPS Co-ordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 09/10/23

Time arrived 14:00

Time departed 15:10

|            |                                                                                             | Satisfactory |    | Comments             |
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|            |                                                                                             | Yes          | No |                      |
| <b>1.</b>  | <b>Initial observations</b>                                                                 |              |    |                      |
| 1.1        | Are emergency contacts available on entry to the property?                                  | ✓            |    |                      |
| 1.2        | Are personnel properly trained to handle cattle?                                            | ✓            |    |                      |
| 1.3        | Is there a Disaster Management Plan in place?                                               | ✓            |    |                      |
| 1.4        | Are personnel familiar with disaster plans?                                                 | ✓            |    |                      |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>Calves</b>                                                                               |              |    |                      |
| <b>2.1</b> | <b>Pens/shelter</b>                                                                         |              |    |                      |
| 2.1.1      | Are pens/shelters constructed to avoid injuries to calves?                                  | ✓            |    |                      |
| 2.1.2      | Are pens/shelters draught free and provided adequate protection against inclement weather?  | ✓            |    |                      |
| 2.1.3      | Does the size of the pen/shelter allow calves to stand, lie down and turn around with ease? | ✓            |    |                      |
| 2.1.4      | Is bedding provided? If yes, what type?                                                     | ✓            |    | <i>Straw.</i>        |
| 2.1.5      | How often are pens cleaned?                                                                 |              |    | <i>Once a week.</i>  |
| 2.1.6      | Are pens thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to housing new born calf?                 | ✓            |    |                      |
| 2.1.7      | Is flooring constructed and maintained to avoid any injuries to calves?                     | ✓            |    |                      |
| 2.1.8      | Are calves housed individually?                                                             | ✓            |    |                      |
| 2.1.9      | Are calf pens arranged so that calves can see and hear each other?                          | ✓            |    |                      |
| 2.1.10     | Are calves housed in groups? If so, how many per group?                                     | ✓            |    | <i>12 per group.</i> |

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|            |                                                                                                             | Yes          | No |               |
| 2.1.11     | Are calves housed indoors and if so does lighting allow for animals to be inspected?                        | ✓            |    |               |
| 2.1.12     | Is lighting too bright as to cause discomfort to animals?                                                   | ✓            | ✓  |               |
| 2.1.13     | What is the lighting period?                                                                                |              |    |               |
| 2.1.14     | Is ventilation sufficient to remove toxic gases and dust?                                                   | ✓            |    |               |
| 2.1.15     | Does ventilation maintain airflow without causing draughts?                                                 | ✓            |    |               |
| 2.1.16     | Are calves tethered or chained? If so, please describe.                                                     |              | ✓  |               |
| <b>2.2</b> | <b>Food/water</b>                                                                                           |              |    |               |
| 2.2.1      | At what age are calves removed from their dams?                                                             |              |    | Day 1         |
| 2.2.2      | For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?                                                          |              |    | 4 feeds a day |
| 2.2.3      | In how many feeds is colostrum administered?                                                                |              |    |               |
| 2.2.4      | If suckling is not possible how much colostrum is given to calves via a stomach tube and in how many feeds? |              |    |               |
| 2.2.5      | Are calves bucket fed?                                                                                      | ✓            |    |               |
| 2.2.6      | Are buckets clean?                                                                                          |              |    |               |
| 2.2.7      | Are calves bottle fed?                                                                                      |              | ✓  |               |
| 2.2.8      | Are bottles and teats clean?                                                                                |              |    |               |
| 2.2.9      | Are calves given milk substitute?                                                                           | ✓            |    |               |
| 2.2.10     | Are calves given cow's milk?                                                                                |              | ✓  |               |
| 2.2.11     | How many times a day are calves given milk?                                                                 |              |    | Twice a day   |
| 2.2.12     | How much milk is given per feed?                                                                            |              |    | 2l per calf   |
| 2.2.13     | At what temperature is milk fed?                                                                            |              |    | 40°C          |
| 2.2.14     | At what age are calves given concentrates?                                                                  |              |    | Day 2         |

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|          |                                                                                                                | Yes          | No |                                 |
| 2.2.15   | At what age are calves provided with water?                                                                    |              |    | Day 1<br>From 2 weeks           |
| 2.2.16   | Is roughage provided?                                                                                          | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 2.2.17   | If calves are in groups is there a system in place to ensure that they are all able to drink at the same time? |              | ✓  |                                 |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Adult cattle</b>                                                                                            |              |    |                                 |
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|          | <b>Food / water</b>                                                                                            |              |    |                                 |
|          |                                                                                                                |              |    |                                 |
| 3.1      | Is grazing available and is it adequate?                                                                       |              | ✓  |                                 |
| 3.2      | Type of feed in addition to grazing?                                                                           |              |    |                                 |
| 3.3      | Is supplementation provided?                                                                                   | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 3.4      | Is water provided?                                                                                             | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 3.5      | Are troughs/containers clean?                                                                                  | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 3.6      | Are troughs/containers situated so that smallest animal can drink?                                             | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 3.7      | Are troughs situated to prevent faecal soiling?                                                                | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 3.8      | Can all cattle drink at once?                                                                                  |              | ✓  |                                 |
| 3.9      | Is any shade or shelter provided for adult cattle?                                                             | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 3.10     | Are shelters designed to avoid injury to cattle?                                                               | ✓            |    |                                 |
| 3.11     | Does shelter provide protection against inclement weather?                                                     | ✓            |    |                                 |
|          |                                                                                                                |              |    |                                 |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Milking</b>                                                                                                 |              |    |                                 |
|          |                                                                                                                |              |    |                                 |
| 4.1      | At what times are cows milked?                                                                                 |              |    | Am - 8:00<br>Pm - 12:00 - 18:00 |
| 4.2      | Do cows have access to food whilst waiting to be milked?                                                       |              | ✓  |                                 |
| 4.3      | Do cows have access to water whilst waiting to be milked?                                                      |              | ✓  |                                 |
| 4.4      | Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?                                                    | ✓            |    |                                 |

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| 3.2      | Type of feed in addition to grazing?                                                                           |              |    |                                 |
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| 4.4      | Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?                                                    | ✓            |    |                                 |

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|          |                                                                               | Yes          | No |                 |
| 4.5      | Are cows handled humanely during milking process?                             | ✓            |    |                 |
| 4.6      | Is milk checked to ensure mastitis is not present?                            | ✓            |    |                 |
| 4.7      | How are udders cleaned prior to milking?                                      | ✓            |    |                 |
| 4.8      | How are udders cleaned after milking?                                         |              |    |                 |
| 4.9      | Are all quarters milked thoroughly?                                           | ✓            |    |                 |
| 4.10     | What type of equipment is used?                                               |              |    | Milkto          |
| 4.11     | Is equipment well maintained?                                                 |              |    |                 |
| 4.12     | Are nipples well maintained?                                                  | ✓            |    |                 |
| 4.13     | Is floor non slip?                                                            | ✓            |    |                 |
| 4.14     | Are lactating cows milked prior to removal for transportation or sale?        | ✓            |    |                 |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Health</b>                                                                 |              |    |                 |
| 5.1      | Are routine inoculations and parasite control administered?                   | ✓            |    |                 |
| 5.2      | Are personnel involved in the administration of medicines competent to do so? | ✓            |    |                 |
| 5.3      | Are cattle checked daily for sickness/injury?                                 | ✓            |    |                 |
| 5.4      | Are sick/injured cattle isolated and treated promptly?                        |              |    |                 |
| 5.6      | Are isolation facilities available?                                           |              | ✓  |                 |
| 5.7      | Do isolation facilities provide food, water and shelter?                      |              |    |                 |
| 5.8      | What is the mortality rate?                                                   |              |    |                 |
| 5.9      | Are mortalities removed promptly?                                             |              |    |                 |
| 5.10     | Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?                             |              |    | Describe method |
|          |                                                                               |              |    |                 |

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| <b>6</b> | <b>Handling</b>                                                                |              |    |             |
| 6.1      | Are personnel trained to handle livestock?                                     | ✓            |    |             |
| 6.2      | Is suitable handling equipment available?                                      | ✓            |    |             |
| 6.3      | Are cattle left unattended in crushes or any other restraining equipment?      |              | ✓  |             |
| 6.4      | Are cattle handled humanely?                                                   | ✓            |    |             |
| 6.5      | Is an electric prodder used?                                                   |              | ✓  |             |
| 6.6      | If electric prodders are used are they applied to face, anal or genital areas? |              |    |             |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Surgical / Routine Procedures</b>                                           |              |    |             |
| 7.1      | Under whose instruction are surgical procedures performed?                     |              |    | The vet     |
| 7.2      | Is castration performed?                                                       |              |    |             |
| 7.3      | What method of castration is performed?                                        |              |    | Rubber band |
| 7.4      | Is tail amputation procedures done and if so, how is it done?                  |              | ✓  |             |
| 7.5      | Are nose rings used on bulls?                                                  |              | ✓  |             |
| 7.6      | Are nose rings smooth and well fitting?                                        |              |    |             |
| 7.7      | How long are cows in difficult birth left before help is sought?               |              |    | 1-3 hours   |
| 7.8      | Is calving induced and if so by whom?                                          |              | ✓  |             |
| 7.9      | How often are cows checked after being induced?                                | ←            |    |             |
| 7.10     | How often are hooves checked?                                                  |              |    | Everyday    |
| 7.11     | Is dehorning/disbudding performed and if so by whom?                           | ✓            |    | Stubb       |
| 7.12     | Describe method of dehorning/disbudding?                                       |              |    | Paste       |
| 7.13     | Is analgesia or anesthesia administered during routine procedures?             |              | ✓  |             |

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Emergency A/H no: \_\_\_\_\_

General comments:

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Warning issued? No

Photos taken? No

Manager / Responsible person (Name & surname) Andre Wiese

Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Signature]

Inspector (Name & surname): J. OGBURN

Society: Swatland