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Animal Welfare Checklist

Cattle - Dairy

Name of Farm: Uitenkraal

Physical Address: Uitenkraal Plains Darling

Postal Address: P.O BOX 69 7345

Owner: Coenraad Bessen

Telephone: 022 492 2950 Fax: _____ Cell: 082 658 6120

E-mail: admin@uitenkraal.co.za

Name of Dairy: Uitenkraal

Marketing Name: Uitenkraal

GPS Co-ordinates: _____

Directions: From Darling towards Zwartkops

Turn right at the graveyard on the

gravel road, after second railway crossing

turn right after 10km farm is on your right

Date 14/04/23

Time arrived 14:00

Time departed 15:30

		Satisfactory		Comments
		Yes	No	
1.	Initial observations			
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?			
2	Calves			
2.1	Pens/shelter			
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?	✓		Straw Bale
2.1.5	How often are pens cleaned?	✓		Once a week.
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?	✓		10

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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.		✓	
2.2	Food/water			
2.2.1	At what age are calves removed from their dams?			1 day
2.2.2	For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?			3 days
2.2.3	In how many feeds is colostrum administered?			3x times
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 litres
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?			2 litres
2.2.13	At what temperature is milk fed?			38°C - 37°C
2.2.14	At what age are calves given concentrates?			2-3 days

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2.2.15	At what age are calves provided with water?			2-3 days
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?	✓		
3	Adult cattle			
	Food / water			
3.1	Is grazing available and is it adequate?		✓	
3.2	Type of feed in addition to grazing?			Mixture of feed
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?	✓		
4	Milking			
4.1	At what times are cows milked?			Am - 04:00 Pm - 12:00 - 19:00
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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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?			Soap, wipes
4.8	How are udders cleaned after milking?			Soap, wipe
4.9	Are all quarters milked thoroughly?	✓		
4.10	What type of equipment is used?			Waikato
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?	✓		
5	Health			
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?	50%		
5.9	Are mortalities removed promptly?	✓		
5.10	Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?	✓		Describe method Stun + bleed

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		Yes	No	
6	Handling			
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 prod used?		✓	
6.6	If electric prodders are used are they applied to face, anal or genital areas?		✓	
7	Surgical / Routine Procedures			
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 hour
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?			1x a week.
7.11	Is dehorning/disbudding performed and if so by whom?	✓		
7.12	Describe method of dehorning/disbudding?			Horn Paste
7.13	Is analgesia or anesthesia administered during routine procedures?		✓	

Veterinary Details:-

Name: _____

Practice: _____

Address: _____

Telephone no / Cell: _____

Emergency A/H no: _____

General comments:

- * Water, food and shelter is available.
- * Animals in acceptable.
- * No sick or injured animals observed.
- * Staff is handling the animals humanely.

Warning issued? _____

Photos taken? _____

Manager / Responsible person (Name & surname) _____

Contact Details: _____

Signature: _____

Inspector (Name & surname): _____

Society: _____