
Renosterbos Dairy Farm

Mar 1, 2024

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Facility Name	Renosterbos Dairy Farm
Attending Inspector/s	Carina Bodenstein
Marketing Name	Renosterbos Dairy Farm
Owner	Alwyn Hanekom
Phone Number	(073) 186-7947
Manager	Henning Opperman
Phone Number	(052) 771-7751
Address	Renosterbos Farm, R45, Paarl Road Malmesbury , Western Cape
Breed Used	Holstein
Total Number	150
Are there emergency contacts available on entry to the property	Yes
Veterinarian	Andries (Bergzich Animal Hospital) Groenewald

Phone Number (082) 414-2338

Are pens/shelters constructed to avoid injuries to calves? Yes

Are pens/shelters draught free to provide adequate protection against inclement weather? Yes

Does the size of the pen/shelter allow calves to stand, lie down and turn around with ease? Yes

Is bedding provided? If yes, what type? Yes, straw

How often are pens cleaned? Daily

Is flooring constructed and maintained to avoid any injuries to calves? Yes

Are calves housed individually? New born, yes. Older ones are in groups

Are calf pens arranged so that calves can see and hear each other? Yes

Are calves housed in groups? If so, how many per group? Older calves, yes. 15-20

Are calves housed indoors and if so does lighting allow for animals to be inspected? Indoors, yes

Is lighting too bright as to cause discomfort? No

Is ventilation sufficient to remove toxic gases and dust? Yes

Does ventilation maintain airflow without causing draughts? Yes

Are calves tethered or chained? None observed

Are calves bucket fed? Yes

Are buckets clean? Yes

Are calves bottle fed? Yes

Are bottles and teats clean?	Not observed
At what age are calves provided with water?	Day 3
Is roughage provided?	No
If calves are in groups, is there a system in place to ensure that they are all able to drink at the same time?	Yes
Is grazing available and is it adequate?	No grazing
Type of feed in addition to grazing?	Self mix. Lucern, teff pathway, with roughage cubes
Is water provided?	Yes
Are troughs/containers clean?	Yes
Are troughs/containers situated so that the smallest animal can drink?	Yes
Are troughs situated to prevent faecal soiling?	Yes
Can all cattle drink at once?	Yes
Is any shade or shelter provided for adult cattle?	Yes
Are shelters designed to avoid injury to cattle?	Yes
Does shelter provide protection against inclement weather?	Yes
At what time are cows milked	03h30, 11h30, 18h00
Do cows have access to food whilst waiting to be milked?	Not observed
Do cows have access to water whilst waiting to be milked?	Not observed

Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?	Yes, under roof
Are cows handled calmly and quietly and humanely during milking process?	Not observed
How are udders cleaned prior to milking?	Not observed
Are all quarters milked thoroughly?	Not observed
What type of equipment is used?	Fairly new, automated
Is equipment well maintained?	Those seen, yes
Are nipples well maintained?	Yes
Is floor non-slip?	Yes
Are sick/injured cattle isolated and treated promptly?	Yes
Are isolation facilities available?	Yes
Do isolation facilities provide food, water and shelter?	Yes
Are nose rings used on bulls, if so are they smooth and well fitting?	None observed
General comments / Concerns	A brief inspection was done, as we were time restrained and also wanted to first see the setup of the facility. No milking was done during the time of inspection. 1x cow's hind legs were hobbled, when enquired the owner advised that she slipped recently and harmed her hind quarters in the process. It was advised by the veterinarian to hobble her for some time to assist with her balance. The hobble is loose, about 50cm long. Cow walked comfortably. Another cow was observed with a possible eye infection, I will call the owner to discuss the POA. A thorough inspection will be done in the next 2 weeks, to observe milking as well.
Warning issued	None
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