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Animal Welfare Checklist

Cattle - Dairy

Name of Farm: Swartwater

Physical Address: Swartwater Plains.

Postal Address: R315 Yzerfontein - Darling road.

Owner: J.K. Basson

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: 082 772 2989

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Name of Dairy: Ocean Breeze Hobstein.

Marketing Name: _____

GPS Co-ordinates: _____

Directions: from the SPCA in Darling turn left
onto R315. Stay on the R315 until you
see the farm sign Ocean Breeze Hobstein.
Turn right onto the gravel road and follow
until you get the farm.

Date 26/4/24

Time arrived 15:00

Time departed 16:00

		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
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?	✓		12x per group

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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?			Day 1
2.2.2	For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?			4x 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?			2x times a day.
2.2.12	How much milk is given per feed?			2 litres.
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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2.2.15	At what age are calves provided with water?			<i>Day 1</i>
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?			<i>Mixture of feed</i>
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 - 5:00 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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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?			Pre-dip
4.8	How are udders cleaned after milking?			Post-dip
4.9	Are all quarters milked thoroughly?	✓		
4.10	What type of equipment is used?			Winkado
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?			
5.9	Are mortalities removed promptly?	✓		
5.10	Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?	✓		Describe method <i>thet or taken to abattoir.</i>

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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 prodder 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?	—		
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?			Daily.
7.11	Is dehorning/disbudding performed and if so by whom?	✓		
7.12	Describe method of dehorning/disbudding?			Paste.
7.13	Is analgesia or anesthesia administered during routine procedures?		✓	