

Monitoring Calf Care: What to do when goals are not met

1. Newborn care and feeding colostrum goals not met:

- **Review colostrum feeding – timing, quantity, and antibody content. Check for bacteria in colostrum, less than goal.**
- **Check to see that tincture of iodine is being used for navel dipping and that all calves are dipped.**

2. Colostrum collection and storage goals not met:

- **Check rinse sample results on colostrum storage equipment.**
- **Review procedures for chilling fresh colostrum that is to be stored to 60° ASAP. Get into refrigerator/freezer promptly after chilling.**

3. Cleaning milk feeding equipment goals not met:

- **Check compliance with recommended washing procedures.**
- **Check for bacteria in milk replacer, less than goal.**

4. Calf growth rate goals not met:

- **Review milk replacer mixing protocol.**
- **Review milk replacer feeding protocol.**
- **Review calf starter grain feeding protocol.**
- **Review water feeding protocol.**
- **Review health records of calves gaining less than goal average daily gain.**

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