

Template for Initial Investigation Record & Setup Questions

Herd Name:

Manager:
Phone and e-mail:

Herd Demographics:

Production system?
Breed? Size of lactating / producing herd?
Production level? Trends?
Home raised calves? Other stock on premises?
Opinion of management level?

Preventive practices:

Vaccinations – components and timing?
Other injections? Vitamins, trace minerals, metaphylaxis?
Parasite control?

Nature of Problem: (problem signs, treatments, number affected and at risk, etc.)

Typical problem signs?

Typical problem course

When was problem first noticed?

Has it occurred before but resolved? How many were affected then?

What treatments, preventive measures or other changes have been tried? Any that appear to have worked?

In what group of animals?

Ages? Weights? How long in that group?
Production status?
Number in that group?
Number affected? Number dead?

If pathology / etiology was definitively diagnosed, how?

What animals were sampled or necropsied, when and where?
Were these animals representative of typical cases and courses?
Necropsy observations?
Laboratory submissions, case numbers and results?

Environment: (housing, nutrition, management)

Affected pen / pasture sizes and head counts
How are they housed? Ventilation system if closed?
Feeds? Feed sources? Feed additives? Vitamins? Trace minerals?
How are they fed? If a young calf problem, their dams?
Water sources?

Other Current or Recent Serious Problems in Herd:

Transition heifers/cows

DA's, RP's, Body Condition changes, Milk Fever, subsequent production and reproductive performance?

Prewearing calves

Colostrum management, feeds, sources, feed additives, feeding methods

Weaned calves

Recent Major Changes:

Herd size
Housing, management
Feedstuffs and sources
Water sources
Employees

Known Risk Factors Observed:

Recent herd introductions? Salesyard exposure or direct?
Recent off-premises exposure (shows)? Comingling on pasture?
Exposure to other animals, other species or their feces or effluent?
Potentially contributing factors? Nutrition? Animal density?
Recent changes in prevention measures - vaccination?

Any specific questions or information needs?

Special sample amount, handling, storage and shipping information?