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All age classes of animals have access to clean, fresh water.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Water is required to maintain animal health and care.

Corrective Action

WMP

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All age classes of animals have access to sufficient quantities of feed for health, growth and maintenance.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Feed access is required to maintain animal health and care.

Corrective Action

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All age classes of animals are protected from heat and cold.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Protection from heat and cold is required to maintain animal health and care.

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All age classes of animals have housing that allows for the ability to easily stand up, lie down, adopt normal resting postures and have visual contact with other cattle without risk of injury.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Freedom of movement is required for animal comfort that enhances animal health and care.

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All age classes of animals have a resting area that is soft, dry and provides traction at all times when away from the milking facility.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Soft and dry resting area is required for animal comfort that enhances health and care. Traction allows for ability to rise and lie down from resting area with ease.

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Facilities are designed to prevent injuries, slips and falls of animals.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Clarified to focus just on facility management. Prevention of injuries, slips and falls essential for animal care.

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Facilities are designed prevent unnecessary contact with electrical currents.

Rationale

New proposed standard. Fencing, crowd gates, trainers, prod usage and other areas on the dairy where electrical current present to be properly managed and maintained.

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Facilities are designed have adequate lighting for animal observation and individuals with animal care responsibilities safety.

Rationale

New proposed standard. Interest in specific standard related to lighting necessary to maintain ISO certification.

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Facilities are designed provide proper ventilation in all housing facilities that reduces odors, dust and/or noxious gas.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Clarified for intent of focus on air quality and ventilation for the enhancement of animal health and health and safety of individuals with animal care responsibilities. Also necessary to maintain ISO certification.

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Facilities are designed have a location to segregate weak, sick or injured animals.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. A location to segregate weak, sick and injured animals is a best practice for the management of these animals to ensure specialized attention and care.

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The location for weak, sick or injured animals provides animals with: feed, water, protection from heat and cold, isolation from other ambulatory animals and protection from predators.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Providing these items within the location for sick, weak and injured animals is in best practice to ensure top care for rehabilitation.

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Facilities are designed to have a calving area that is clean, soft, dry, well-lit and well-ventilated.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. A written protocol for fly control ensures consistent training to and implementation of the protocol and enhanced animal health.

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The written herd health plan includes a written protocol for parasite control.

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The facility has a written protocol for biosecurity.

Rationale

New proposed standard. Interest in gathering data to determine facilities that have a formalized biosecurity plan for a current status of the industry.

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The facility has names, telephone numbers and the site address posted in a prominent location, in the languages understood by individuals with animal care responsibilities, for emergency preparedness.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. In emergency situations, having emergency contacts posted for all individuals with animal care responsibilities to easily access enhances response time

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The facility has a written Emergency Action/Crisis Plan.

Rationale

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The facility has a written Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) that is signed by the farm owner and Veterinarian of Record annually.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions.
Demonstrates active Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship and participation in herd health and antibiotic stewardship

Corrective Action

MCAP

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