



Animal and Plant
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Veterinary Services

NAHMS Dairy 2014 Data Collection Record

Heifer Calf Blood, Colostrum and Ear Notch Kit



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Monitoring System

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Procedure:

- o Enroll up to 4 heifer calves at birth, which includes collecting information on the Heifer Calf Dairy Card
- o For up to 2 of the calves above, collect a sample of colostrum at first feeding.
- o Collect ear notch samples from each of the enrolled calves (up to 4)
- o Between 1 and 5 days of age, collect blood samples from enrolled calves (up to 4)
- o At 2-4 weeks of age, collect fecal samples from up to 2 of the enrolled calves (separate collection record)

BLOOD: Sample up to 4 heifer calves per month at 1 to 5 days after birth.

- o For each calf, collect **at least 5-mL of blood** in the 13-mL serum separator tube.
- o **Place a Calf ID sticker lengthwise on the tube.**
- o On the Data Collection Record:
 - Complete the information at the top of the form.
 - **Place a Calf ID sticker in the space provided.** Record the requested data on the appropriate line for each sample.
- o If possible, centrifuge samples.
- o Place tubes in refrigerator or on ice packs.
- o Place tubes in a provided bubble bag and ship on ice with the colostrum samples.



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COLOSTRUM: Collect first milking colostrum fed to 2 of the above calves.

- o From the colostrum being fed to each calf, collect at least 45ml of **colostrum** in a flat bottom container.
- o **Place a Calf ID sticker on the container.**
- o On the Data Collection Record:
 - Complete the information at the top.
 - **Place a Calf ID sticker in the space provided.**
 - Record the requested data on the appropriate line for each sample.
- o Place each container in a Ziploc bag.
- o Place containers **in freezer** until they are shipped on ice with the blood samples.

EAR NOTCHES: Collect ear notches from each of the heifer calves sampled above.

- o For each enrolled calf, collect an ear notch soon after birth and place in a small whirlpak bag.
- o **Place a Calf ID sticker on the bag.** Do not use the label to close the bag.
- o Complete the Data Collection Record for each of the ear notches.
 - o **Place a Calf ID sticker in the space provided.**
- o Place all (up to four) whirlpak bags with ear notches into a large whirlpak bag.
- o Place the bag in the refrigerator or on ice packs until shipped. Ship on ice with the blood and colostrum samples.

FOR ALL SAMPLES

- o Ship blood samples, colostrum and ear notches to NVSL on ice within **24 hours** of collection.
- o Include a copy of the Data Collection Record in the shipping box.
- o Send the original Blood Collection Record to your Coordinator within 3 business days.

Additional information regarding blood, colostrum and ear notch collection is described in the Biologics Manual.

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NAHMS Dairy 2014 – Data Collection Record				Heifer CBC Kit: «Kit_Number»	
State FIPS (2 digit)	Operation # (4 digit)	# of people involved <input type="checkbox"/> Fed VMO <input type="checkbox"/> Fed AHT <input type="checkbox"/> State VMO <input type="checkbox"/> St AHT <input type="checkbox"/> Producer <input type="checkbox"/> Priv Vet <input type="checkbox"/> Others-specify: _____	Key Collector's name & phone	Hours to take & prep samples	Total travel time

8-digits: ST, Op, Site	Enter number for each	category	Hours	Hours
Tube #	NAHMS Calf ID	Ear Tag/ Farm Calf ID	Collection Date MM/DD/YY	Comments
	Blood from up to 4 Heifer Calves at 1 to 5 days after birth Place sticker here!			
2	Place sticker here!			
3	Place sticker here!			
4	Place sticker here!			

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First Feeding Colostrum from up to 2 Heifer Calves

CBC Kit: «Kit_Number»

Container #	NAHMS Calf ID	Ear Tag/ Farm Calf ID	Collection Date MM/DD/YY	Comments
1	Place sticker here!			
2	Place sticker here!			

Ear Notches from up to 4 Heifer Calves

Bag #	NAHMS Calf ID	Ear Tag/ Farm Calf ID	Collection Date MM/DD/YY	Comments
1	Place sticker here!			
2	Place sticker here!			
3	Place sticker here!			
4	Place sticker here!			

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Fill in name, phone, NAHMS ID, and collection date.



Collected by: _____

Collector phone number: (____) _____.

Submitter: Camilla Kristensen, CEAH

NAHMS ID: _____ Collection date: _____

Submission Form to NVSL

**Place the matching stickers used on the tubes, containers and bags and
send this page with the samples to NVSL**

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