



Bobby Calf Checklist

Bobby calf = a calf that is < 30 d old and < 80kgs - not accompanied by dam

Bobby calves may be transported to sale yards, processing facility, calf rearing facility, another farm

First 5 d of life	Y/N
Colostrum feed within the first 24 h of life	
Milk feeds - Whole milk or CMR	
Free access to clean, fresh water	
Provided with shelter and protection from the elements	
Provided with clean and dry bedding	
NLIS tagged	
Not fed any milk product that contain veterinary medicines (residue risk)	
Not treated with any veterinary products that will put the animal on a meat withhold period (residue risk)	
Handled in a gentle manner: No dogs or electric prodders used to move calves Never throw, hit, drop or drag calves Never lift calves by their tail, ears, neck, head or a single leg	
Prepped for transport	
Fed milk within 6 h of transport (documented)	
At least 5 d old (minimum 23kgs)	
Fit for transport: Bright, alert and no visible disease/ deformities Weight bearing on all 4 legs Hooves are firm and worn Navel is dry, wrinkled/shrivelled (not pink/fleshy)	
Transportation	
Handled in a gentle manner (as above)	
Ramp slope does not exceed 12 degrees	
Record all calves loaded	
Adequate space for each calf lay down on sternum	
Calves protected from elements (excess sun, rain and wind)	
Front of vehicle should be enclosed	
Calves are required to be delivered within 18 h of last feed	
Calves should not be transported > 12 h	
Saleyards/ buyers/ agents	
Handled in a gentle manner (as above)	
Holding facilities suitable for calves	
Contingency plans in place in the case of a delay or emergency – provision of space, bedding, shelter, water and milk	
Processing plant	
Handled in a gentle manner (as above)	
Calves should be processed within 30 h from last feed	
Clean fresh water available	
Calves protected from elements (excess sun, rain and wind)	
Calves need to be fed milk if not slaughtered within 30 h	
Throughout the life of the bobby calf, if at any stage a calf is injured or becomes sick, it must be treated or humanely euthanised	