Remind interviewee that you asked over the phone if it would be alright if you observed some of the practices on the farm, and restate that you would like to observe their general practices during milking time. Fill in your observations in any order you see fit, and add extra notes for any of the observations, if necessary. Circle the letter of your answer when appropriate.

1. Measure the size of one stall in which the lactating cows are kept (length x width, in feet):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ask: Are all the stalls uniform in size? All the same\_\_\_\_\_

Some variation \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. If free-stall barn, how are the aisles cleaned?
   1. Continuous automated scraper
   2. Skid steer or other similar equipment
   3. Slatted floors
   4. Flush system
2. Observe stocking density in barn

Number of stalls: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of lactating cows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bulk tank milk sample collection**

Record the temperature of the bulk tank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many milkings are in the tank? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many lactating cows contributed to this milk? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Agitate the milk for at least 5 minutes before taking a sample.*

Explain that the blue dip cups are sterile in the wrapper (so do not directly handled the cup before obtaining milk – hold only by the handle before taking the sample)

Record the date and time that the sample was taken

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_