MANAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

| Meeting One date: | Meeting Four date: |
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| What is your major concern regardir | ng reproduction on your farm? |
| [Dairy Comp 305 software commands are in | brackets and can be ignored if you don't use the program.] |
| Please fill out this form with informa | ation from the last 12 months. |
| Farm | |

| PRODUCTION | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | |
| Herd size (lactating and dry cows) [SUM DIM MILK M305 PCTF PCTP FOR LACT>0 BY LCTGP then BY RPRO} | cows | cows | | |
| Number of first lactation cows [Same command] | cows | cows | | |
| Rolling herd average (RHA) or lbs/cows/day or mature equivalent (ME) 305 [Same command] | RHA lbs/cow/d ME 305 | RHA lbs/cow/d ME 305 | | |
| Milk fat % (last month) [Same command] | % | % | | |
| Milk protein % (last month) [Same command] | % | % | | |
| Breed [SUM DIM BY CBRD] | Holstein Jersey Crossbred Other | Holstein Jersey Crossbred Other | | |
| Number of milking cows [COUNT FOR RC=1-5 LACT>0] | cows | cows | | |
| Herd average days in milk (DIM) for milking cows [SUM DIM FOR LACT>0 RC=1-5] | d | d | | |





| What is the average days dry for your herd? [SUM DDRY] | d | d |
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| What is your bulk tank somatic cell score (SCC)? [SUM SCC FOR SCC>200 FOR LACT>0] | cells/ml | cells/ml |
| ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING | PRODUCTION? _ | |

| GENERAL MANAGEMENT | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | |
| What is your voluntary waiting period (VWP)? [GRAPH BRED1 BY DIM or GRAPH BRED1 FOR BRED1>0 LACT>0\H] | d | d | |
| How often do you have meetings with your veterinarian and reproductive team to discuss reproduction issues in your herd? | YearlyMonthlyWeekly | YearlyMonthlyWeekly | |
| How many times each day are cows milked? | ○ 1x○ 2x○ 3x | ○ 1x○ 2x○ 3x | |
| Do you forestrip? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | |
| Do you use bovine somatotropin (bST)? What % of the herd? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | |
| What is your grouping strategy? | Only one pen for all cows Stage of lactation Production Reproduction Other | Only one pen for all cows Stage of lactation Production Reproduction Other | |





| PREGNANCY RATE | | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | | |
| What is the whole herd current 21-d pregnancy rate? | | | | | |
| Adjusted to the actual VWP [BREDSUM\EAV (VWP number)] | % | % | | | |
| Unadjusted to the actual VWP (50-d VWP) [BREDSUM\EA] | % | % | | | |
| What is the AI 21-d pregnancy rate? Adjusted to the actual VWP [BREDSUM\EV (VWP number)] | % | % | | | |
| Unadjusted to the actual VWP (50-d VWP) [BREDSUM\E] | % | % | | | |
| ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING P | REGNANCY RAT | E? | | | |

| AI INSEMINATION RISK | | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | | |
| Current insemination risk (IR) [BREDSUM\EV (VWP number)] | % | % | | | |
| Is there variability in IR by season? If yes, how? [BREDSUM\E] | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | | | |
| Is there variability in IR by lactation number? If yes, enter IR by lactation number. [BREDSUM FOR LCTGP=1\E] [BREDSUM FOR LCTGP=2\E] | O Yes O No Lactation 1% Lactation ≥2% | Lactation 1% | | | |
| What % of your cows were inseminated within 21d of the VWP? (for the last 6 months) [PCT BRED1 < (VWP + 21) FOR LACT>0] | % | % | | | |
| What are your average days to first insemination for cow in 1 st and ≥2 lactation? [SUM BRED1 FOR LACT>0 BY LCTGP] | Lactation 1d Lactation ≥2d | | | | |
| What is your average interval between inseminations? [SUM HINT FOR LACT>0 BY LCTGP] | Lactation 1d Lactation ≥2d | | | | |





| What % of your cows di AI breeding by 100 DIM [PCT DIM>100 BRED1=0 FOR L | d not receive their first 1? ACT>0 BY LCTGP] | | % |
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| What % of your cows received an AI service within a 4–17d period from the previous breeding? [BREDSUM FOR LACT>0\I] | | % | % |
| What is the stocking der and stalls) in the breeding [SUM PEN FOR LACT>0 BY PEN | 2 | cows stalls | cows stalls |
| ARE THERE ANY CON | ICERNS REGARDING S | ERVICE RATE? _ | |
| What is the minimum production of pregnant cows to maintain herd size (the pregnancy hard count)? [GRAPH WKCC FOR LACT>0] | ANSWER (Meeting One) Total herd size (lactating Replacement (culling) rather Pregnancy loss (%) Total pregnancies needed Desired calving interval Pregnancies needed desired CI Pregnancies needed per machine Conception Rate | te (%) + d = (CI) (Pregnancies neede | cows cows pregnancies months |
| | ANSWER (Meeting Four) Total herd size (lactating Replacement (culling) rather Pregnancy loss (%) Total pregnancies needed Desired calving interval Pregnancies needed desired CI Pregnancies needed per management Conception Rate | te (%) + d = (CI) (Pregnancies neede | cows cows pregnancies months |





| ESTROUS DETECTION | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | |
| What is the predominant method used to detect cows in estrus? (Check one.) | No heat detection Tail chalk or paint Visual observation Pedometers Pressure patches Activity monitors Combination (describe) Other | No heat detection Tail chalk or paint Visual observation Pedometers Pressure patches Activity monitors Combination (describe) Other | |
| Is estrous detection performed by farm personnel or outsourced to a professional technician? | | On-farm personnel Professional technician | |
| How many times per day are cows observed for estrus? For how long? | Times/day: | Times/day: | |
| Where are cows observed for estrus? | Pen O ParlorTo or from parlorOther | Pen O ParlorTo or from parlorOther | |
| How many people are responsible for estrus detection? | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | |
| Is estrous detection combined with other activities? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | |
| On what kind of surface are cows standing when observed for estrus? | ConcreteDirt | ConcreteDirt | |
| Do you know the % of anovular (i.e., non-cycling) cows in your herd? | O Yes O No If yes, estimate: % | O Yes O No If yes, estimate: % | |
| How did you determine the % of anovular cows? | ○ Palpation○ Blood progesterone | ○ Palpation○ Blood progesterone | |
| ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS R | EGARDING ESTRUS DE | FECTION? | |





| | MALE FERTILITY | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) |
| Do you use a bull to breed your cows? (If your answer is no, skip next four questions.) | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| What is your cow-to-bull ratio? | | |
| Based on which parameter do you move cows to the bull pen? (Estimate % by parameter.) | Failed inseminations% Days in milk % Other% | Failed inseminations Days in milk % Other% |
| Do you submit your bulls to a breeding soundness examination? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| What is your bull pregnancy rate (PR)? | % | % |
| Do you use sexed semen in cows? (If you only have bulls, skip questions until end of this section.) | ○ Yes ○ No ○ Seldom | ○ Yes ○ No ○ Seldom |
| Do you use sire conception rate rankings to choose sires? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| Do you use daughter pregnancy rate rankings to choose sires? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| Do you have a mating program? | ○ Yes ○ No | O Yes O No |
| What semen do you use on repeat service animals? | ○ Same as 1 st service ○ Young sire | ○ Same as 1 st service ○ Young sire |
| What price range is your semen? | Between \$ and \$ | Between \$ and \$ |

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| SYNCHRONIZATION PROTOCOLS AND BREEDING | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | |
| Do you use estrous synchronization or timed AI protocols? | ○ Yes ○ No | ○ Yes ○ No | | |
| How do you use these protocols? (Estimate % of use.) | Setting up cows for first service% Resynchronizing 2 nd and later services% Breeding cows with ovarian cysts% Breeding anestrous or anovular cows% Other% | Setting up cows for first service% Resynchronizing 2 nd and later services% Breeding cows with ovarian cysts% Breeding anestrous or anovular cows% Other | | |
| Which method is most often used to submit animals for their first and later services? [BREDSUMIXBO] | 1^{St} serv. ≥2 nd serv. Heat detection%% PGF _{2α} only%% OvSynch%% PreSynch%% Double Ovsynch%% CIDR synch%% Other%% | 1^{St} serv. ≥2 nd serv. Heat detection%% PGF _{2α} only%% OvSynch%% PreSynch%% Double Ovsynch%% CIDR synch%% Other%% | | |
| Which products and what doses do you use? | Gonadotropin (GnRH) product: Dose: ml Prostaglandin (PGF _{2α}) product: Dose: ml | Gonadotropin (GnRH) product: Dose: ml Prostaglandin (PGF _{2α}) product: Dose: ml | | |
| How many people are in charge of giving the injections for the reproductive program? | | | | |
| ARE THERE ANY OBREEDING? | CONCERNS REGARDING SYNC | THRONIZATION AND | | |





Meeting One

Diagram your protocol for enrollment and re-enrollment. Include the timing of injections (AM-PM) and inseminations.

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Meeting Four

Diagram your protocol for enrollment and re-enrollment. Include the timing of injections (AM-PM) and inseminations.

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| TRANSITION COW MA | NAGEMENT | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) |
| Is there a routine body condition scoring (BCS) program for postpartum cows? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| Do more than 15% of the cows in the breeding group have a BCS of >3.50 or <1.75? (Refer to BCS chart provided.) | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| Can you tell if the loss in BC was during the dry period, post fresh or both? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| Did you recently perform a locomotion score on the breeding group pen? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| What percentage of your breeding group had locomotion scores ≥3? | % | % |
| What is the most common foot problem reported? | | |
| Do you use footbaths? What product do you use? How often do your cows use the footbath? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| How often do you have your cows' hooves trimmed? | | |
| Is your herd on a regular hoof trimming program? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| Were any of these postpartum metabolic diseases a problem during the last 3 months? [EVENTS\ 5] | Ketosis% Milk Fever% Metritis% Mastitis% RP% Pneumonia% DA% | Ketosis% Milk Fever% Metritis% Mastitis% RP% Pneumonia% DA% |
| Do you use the Transition Cow Index? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |
| | Value: | Value: |
| What is your week 4 milk average for your cows? | I don't have daily milk weights Lactation 1 Lactation ≥2 | I don't have daily milk weights Lactation 1 Lactation ≥2 |
| Does the first milk fat/milk protein ratio test indicate problem cows or groups? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No |

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| How many cows were sold and died ≤60 DIM? [EVENTS\6] (add sold and died <30 and 30-60 DIM and divide it by total # fresh) | % sold and died | % sold and died |
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| ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING Y MANAGEMENT? | OUR TRANSITIO | N COW |

| CONCEPTION RATE | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | |
| Current overall conception rate (CR) [BREDSUM\B] | % | % | | |
| By lactation group? [go to OPTIONS and select lactation number] | Lactation 1 Lactation ≥2 | Lactation 1 Lactation ≥2 | | |
| By technician? [go to OPTIONS and select By Technician] | Tech 1 % Tech 2 % Tech 3 % | Tech 1 % Tech 2 % Tech 3 % | | |
| By day of the week? [go to OPTIONS and select By Day of the Week] | S% M% T% W % Th% F% S% | S% M% T% W % Th% F% S% | | |
| Is there any variability in CR by season? [go to OPTIONS and select By Calendar Month] | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | | |
| What is your timed AI CR for first service? [BREDSUM\XB0] | % | % | | |
| What is your timed AI CR for ≥ second services? [BREDSUM\XBO] | % | % | | |
| What is your first service CR to estrus breedings? [BREDSUM\XBO] | % | % | | |
| What are your second and later services CR at estrus? [BREDSUM\XBO] | % | % | | |
| ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS REC | GARDING CONCEPTION | N RATE? | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) |
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| Who is responsible for artificial insemination on your farm? (% of cows bred) | | Professional AI technician Other |
| How many people are involved in the reproductive management of the farm? | | |
| Where do you restrain your cows for insemination? | ParlorPalpation railHeadlocksFreestallsOther | Parlor Palpation rail Headlocks Freestalls Other |
| When did you last train the AI technician? | I don't have an | I don't have an AI technician Two years ago Last year Never Other |
| What is the maximum number of straws thawed at once? | | |
| What % of cows were inseminated on the basis of true standing estrus? | % | % |
| What % of cows were inseminated on the basis of secondary signs of estrus (rubbed tail chalk, activated Kmar, etc)? | % | % |
| How many times per day are cows inseminated? | ○ Once a day○ AM-PM | ○ Once a day○ AM-PM |
| How many hours after cows are detected in estrus are they inseminated? | h | h |

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| PREGNANCY DIAGNOSIS | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | |
| How frequently are pregnancies diagnosed? | Biweekly Weekly Monthly Other | Biweekly Weekly Monthly Other | | |
| How many days post insemination are pregnancies diagnosed? | tod | tod | | |
| What method is used for pregnancy diagnosis? | PalpationUltrasoundBlood test | Palpation Ultrasound Blood test | | |
| Who diagnoses pregnancies? | VeterinarianNon-veterinarian | O Veterinarian O Non-veterinarian | | |
| Are pregnancies reconfirmed? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | | |
| How many days after insemination are pregnancies reconfirmed? | Recheck 1d Recheck 2d Recheck 3d | O Recheck 2d | | |
| ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS REGARI | DING PREGNANCY D | IAGNOSIS? | | |





| FEMALE FERTILITY | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | |
| What percentage of your herd do you cull annually? [EVENTS\5 FOR LACT>0] | % | % | | |
| What % of your cows left the herd last year for reproductive reasons? [ECON\D] | % | % | | |
| For the last 12 months, rank the top three reasons you decided to stop inseminating a cow (1 = most important) | # of breedingsHealth issuesConformation\$ cull vs. replaceMilk productionDIMOther | # of breedings Health issues Conformation \$ cull vs. replace Milk production DIM Other | | |
| What is your abortion rate? [BREDSUM\E] | % | % | | |
| How many cases of clinical mastitis are diagnosed each month? | cases/month | cases/month | | |
| What is the percentage of cows with a SCC of more than 200,000 cells/ml? | % | % | | |
| What is your new mastitis infection rate? | % | % | | |
| Are special needs cows kept in the calving area? | NeverSeldomOftenAlways | NeverSeldomOftenAlways | | |
| Are you using a vaccination program to prevent any of the following diseases that can affect reproduction? (Check all that apply.) | ○ IBR○ BVD○ L. hardjo-bovis○ Brucellosis○ Clostridium○ Other | ○ IBR○ BVD○ L. hardjo-bovis○ Brucellosis○ Clostridium○ Other | | |
| When was the vaccination plan last | (approx. date) | (approx. | | |





| NUTRITION | | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | | |
| Estimate typical bunk space (inches per cow) for each of the following groups. | Pre fresh in Post fresh in Lactating in | Pre fresh in Post fresh in Lactating in | | | |
| What type of bedding do you have in each area? | Breeding pen Calving facilities Post fresh facilities | Breeding pen Calving facilities Post fresh facilities | | | |
| How many barns do you have? How many rows does your barn have? | Barn 1: 0 3 0 4 0 6 rows Barn 2: 0 3 0 4 0 6 rows Barn 3: 0 3 0 4 0 6 rows | Barn 1: 0 3 0 4 0 6 rows Barn 2: 0 3 0 4 0 6 rows Barn 3: 0 3 0 4 0 6 rows | | | |
| What kind of heat abatement is used for cows that are actively being inseminated? | Recirculation fans Sprinklers Cross-ventilation None | Recirculation fans Sprinklers Cross-ventilation None | | | |
| Where are sprinklers and fans located? | Sprinklers Fans Holding area O O Feed bunk O O Stall O O | Sprinklers Fans Holding area O O Feed bunk O O Stall O O | | | |
| What is your frequency of feeding and of feed push up per day? | Feeding/d Feeding/d | Winter: Summer: Feeding/d Feeding/d Push up/d Push up/d | | | |
| What is your feed refusal target for each of the following groups? | Pre fresh% Post fresh% Lactating% | Pre fresh% Post fresh% Lactating% | | | |
| What is your typical frequency of feed testing and ration formulation? | Feed testing Ration formulation | Feed testing Ration formulation | | | |





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| REPLACEMENTS | | | | |
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| QUESTION | ANSWER (Meeting One) | ANSWER (Meeting Four) | | |
| Are heifers raised on your farm? [BREDSUM\Y] | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | | |
| Based on what parameter(s) are heifers inseminated? (Check all that apply.) | ○ Weight○ Height○ Age | ○ Weight○ Height○ Age | | |
| What is the conception rate of your heifers? [BREDSUM\EY] | % | % | | |
| What is the pregnancy rate of your heifers? [BREDSUM\EY] | | % | | |
| What is the average age at calving of your heifers? [SUM AGEFB FOR LACT=1] | months | months | | |
| Do you use sexed semen on your heifers? | O Yes O No | O Yes O No | | |
| ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING | HEIFER RAISING? | | | |

After Meeting One return the original (white) copy, and <u>after Meeting Four</u> return the second (yellow) copy to:

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