

CHAROLAIS

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CALF VIGOR GUIDELINES



Calf Vigor is used to describe the calf's strength and activity after birth. This score reflects how aggressively calves get up and suck post calving. Scoring should be recorded with calving ease and within an hour of calving if possible.

Scoring Description

0	Unobserved (might be left blank)
1	Extremely aggressive standing and sucking behavior
2	Somewhat aggressive standing and sucking behavior
3	Clearly not aggressive, delayed standing and sucking
4	Required assistance to nurse
5	Was hand fed (tube, bottle, etc.)

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Mothering ability is measuring a cow's natural instinct and ability to care for and nurture her calf. It is collected at calving and reflects how aggressively a cow responds to her calf post-calving. Mothering scores should be assigned shortly after birth.

Scoring Description

0	Unobserved (might be left) blank
1	Strong interest in calf
2	Normal interest in calf
3	Limited interest in calf
4	No interest in calf (required intervention)