Herd health visit record

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Animal and group findings, dated tests and agreed follow-up. Fill in each field; the grey line under it says what goes there. A filled sample follows the blank form.

Herd, purpose and participants

Distinguish the visit's scope from the whole herd population.

Farm and herd

Name the farm and the basis of any herd-size figures.

Visit type

☐ Routine herd health ☐ Nutrition ☐ Reproduction ☐ Problem call

Identify the main purpose and any added problem assessment.

Date and time in the barn

Record visit date and actual barn times.

Vet or nutritionist

Name the professional and their practice or company without inferring credentials.

Met with

Identify people providing information and present for the discussion.

Dated source records

Keep laboratory and production periods apart from visit observations.

Milk and components

Retain source, reporting period and the trend actually reviewed.

Bulk tank SCC and high cows (cells / mL)

Separate bulk-tank and individual-cow results with collection dates and units.

Fresh cow events since last visit

Attribute event records and state the period, events and denominator.

Last visit's actions done

☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ No

Mark completion status and list each unverified prior action below.

Findings by group and pen

Keep the group and measurement method with each result.

Fresh and close-up pens

Identify pen, animals observed and specific intake or comfort findings.

Feed and water

Record the observation or measurement and attribute any ration comparison.

Body condition by group (score; record the scale)

Retain individual scores, named scale, scorer and assessed group size.

Lameness, stalls and heat

Separate locomotion scores, stall observations and measured heat conditions.

Individual animal examinations

Use the animal's identity throughout tests, instructions and follow-up.

Cow ID and pen	Reason seen	Findings	BCS	Treatment and withdrawal	Follow-up

Cow ID and pen: Record the stable animal ID and current pen.
Reason seen: State why the animal was presented for assessment.
Findings: Attribute examination findings and preserve suspected status.
BCS: Name the body-condition scale with scorer and date.
Treatment and withdrawal: Copy the actual professional instruction or protocol, author, date and supplied withdrawal information.
Follow-up: Assign the recheck or pending result to a person and date.

Agreed work and return visit

Read back commitments before the visit closes.

Actions agreed

Name the action, responsible person and due date agreed with the herd team.

Not done from last visit

Carry the original uncompleted item forward without replacing its status.

Next visit

Give the next visit date and purpose where known.

Signature

Sign the reviewed record; keep the actual treatment record separately identifiable.

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SAMPLE · FICTIONAL FARM

Filled in for Brookside Dairy, a made-up herd. Treatments and doses are examples; the herd's own vet plan decides. Brookside Dairy is a fictional 420-cow freestall dairy in east-central Wisconsin.

SAMPLE · Herd, purpose and participants

Farm and herd
Brookside Dairy, 420 milking, 60 dry

Visit type
☒ Routine herd health ☐ Nutrition ☐ Reproduction ☐ Problem call

Date and time in the barn
October 7, 7:00 to 10:30

Vet or nutritionist
Dr. S. Klein, DVM

Met with
Joe Varga (herdsman), Beth Lund (owner) at the end

SAMPLE · Dated source records

Milk and components
Steady on yield; fat down slightly over 3 weeks

Bulk tank SCC and high cows (cells / mL)
210,000; 14 cows high on the last test

Fresh cow events since last visit
3 ketosis, 1 left DA (surgery done), 2 retained placentas in 31 calvings

Last visit's actions done
☐ Yes ☒ Partly ☐ No

SAMPLE · Findings by group and pen

Fresh and close-up pens
Fresh pen crowded after a run of calvings. Two cows with hollow left flanks, both examined below.

Feed and water
New corn silage opened Oct 1, wetter than the last. Dry matter retest asked for. Trough in pen 3 slow to refill.

Body condition by group (score; record the scale)
Dry 3.25 to 3.75; fresh 2.75 to 3.25; late lactation 3.25 to 3.5

Lameness, stalls and heat
6 cows scored 3 or above in pen 2, sent to the trimmer list. Sand bedding low in the back row.

SAMPLE · Individual animal examinations

Cow ID and pen	Reason seen	Findings	BCS	Treatment and withdrawal	Follow-up
2214, fresh	Fresh check, day 5	Hollow flank, low intake, ketone test positive	2.75	Drench per herd ketosis protocol; withdrawal as on the label	Retest Oct 9
1987, pen 2	High SCC, two tests	Clinical mastitis, left rear quarter	3.0	Per mastitis protocol; milk withdrawal to Oct 12 per label	Culture result Thu
2301, fresh	Retained placenta	Temp normal, eating, discharge as expected	3.25	None today	Recheck next visit
1840, pen 2	Lame	Suspected sole ulcer, right hind	3.0	To the trimmer	Trimmer Oct 10

SAMPLE · Agreed work and return visit

Actions agreed

Move 10 springers to the far close-up pen to ease fresh pen crowding (Joe, today). Retest silage dry matter and adjust the ration (nutritionist, by Oct 10). Top up sand in pen 3 back row (Joe, this week).

Not done from last visit

Pen 3 trough float still to be replaced

Next visit

October 21

Signature

S. Klein, October 7