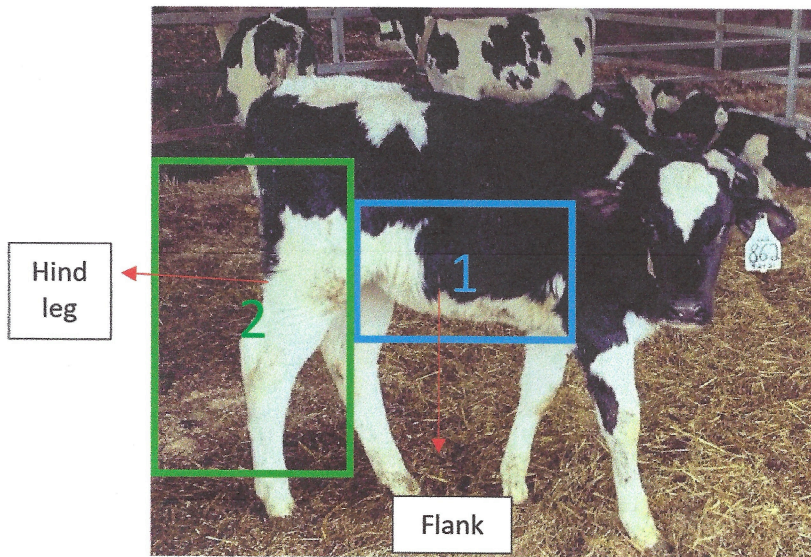


## Dairy Calf Hygiene Scoring Guidance

### Pre-weaned calves

#### Sample Size

<b>Less than 100 calves on-farm</b>	<i>Observe all calves</i>
<b>More than 100 calves on-farm</b>	<i>Observe 100- divide evenly across age groups from birth to weaning</i>



The areas observed for cleanliness are the hind leg and the flank

<b>Score 1: Clean</b>	<b>Score 2: Moderately dirty</b>	<b>Score 3: Very dirty</b>
0 to 10% mud and/or manure coverage in areas 1 and 2	11 to 30% mud and/or manure coverage in areas 1 and 2	Greater than 30% mud and/or manure coverage in areas 1 and 2

**Benchmark: 90% of all animals observed have a hygiene score of 2 or less**

#### Resources

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