

**SOP 9 - Health Practices**

**(Dehorning, Castration, Supernumerary Teat Removal, Branding)**

Purpose: Contains enough information to ensure that staff can perform the procedures while minimizing animal discomfort

▪ **Dehorning:**

- All calves are dehorned at \_\_\_\_\_ (age)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Properly and safely restrain the calf</li> <li>○ Administer: _____ cc of _____ (dose) (anesthetic)</li> <li>○ Administer: _____ cc of _____ (dose) (analgesic)</li> </ul>
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- Disbud or dehorn (**indicate method**):
  - Caustic paste (calves must be less than 7 days of age)
  - Hot iron (calves must be less than 12 weeks of age)
  - Barnes type dehorner (2- to 4-month calves; horns up to 4 inches)
    - Control bleeding

▪ **Castration** – Do you castrate on your farm? **YES** or **NO** (choose one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer pain control _____ cc of _____ (state what you use)</li> <li>• _____</li> <li>• _____</li> </ul>
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▪ **Supernumerary teat removal** – Do you remove extra teats on your farm? **YES** or **NO** (choose one)

- Done under the care of veterinarian once per month
- Amputate teat with surgical scissors or a scalpel blade
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Branding** – Do you brand on your farm? **YES** or **NO** (choose one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, administer pain control _____ cc of _____ (state what you use)</li> <li>• _____</li> <li>• _____</li> </ul>
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