## **Close-up and Calving Management**

Evaluate closeups day and night Monitor cows in labor Assist cows in labor as necessary Calf delivered Process fresh cow

- 1.1 Walk pens every hour and observe and evaluate close-up cows and heifers
- 2.1 Examine every close-up
- 2.2 Fill out maternity sheet as soon as cow is moved to calving pen
- 2.3 re-evaluate cows in labor
- 2.4 abnormal is:
- Cows > 3 hours
- Heifers >6 hours
- Abnormal fetal position
- Water bag > 1 hour
- Broken water bag > 1/2 hour
- 2.5 record all calving information on maternity sheet.

- 3.1 Determine cows/ heifers needing assistance
- 3.2 assist cows with problems according to the "calving protocol" and "calving assistance" protocol"
- 4.1 Dip Navel
- 4.2 Tag calf with correct number
- 4.3 Record calf information on maternity sheet
- 4.4 Contact calf personnel to have calf moved to hutch

- 5.1 Write calving date on back of cow with crayon (left side)
- 5.2 Remove fresh cows According to the "maternity to fresh pen" flow chart.
- 5.3 Shift zooteck will pick up maternity sheets in the morning and afternoon.