

# Bovine

## Ohio Livestock Care Standards



### Veal



The livestock care rules define **veal** as a young bovine animal that is raised for the purpose of veal meat production and is sent to slaughter weighing less than 750 pounds. This includes **special fed veal**, **grain fed veal**, and **bob veal**.

### Care, Handling and Transportation

- Feed and water **must** be provided daily and both drinking water and water for feed mixtures **must** be drinkable, fresh and free from harmful contamination.
- Assistance **must** be provided for any veal calf unable to feed or drink on its own accord.
- If veal calves are not provided free choice access to feed, special fed and bob veal calves **must** be fed two or more times per day following a regular routine.
- When transporting, the animals **must** be able to stand in their natural position without touching the top of the transport conveyance.

### Management and Housing

- For veal barns in which natural light is not available, artificial light **must** be provided for at least eight hours a day so that calves can observe each other.
- Until December 31, 2017, veal calves are permitted to be tethered in stalls of an acceptable size.
- Beginning January 1, 2018, tethering of veal calves will only be permitted in specific circumstances as an intervention for navel and cross sucking and as a restraint for examinations, treatments and transit.
- Beginning January 1, 2018, veal calves **must** be housed in such a manner that allows the calf to turn around.
- Beginning January 1, 2018, veal calves **must** be housed in group pens containing at least 2 calves by the time they are 10 weeks old.

### Euthanasia

The only acceptable methods of euthanasia for cattle are the use of a penetrating captive bolt, a gunshot, or the use of injectable barbiturates.

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