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302 Ky. Admin. Regs. 21:030

Note: This is only a codified regulation, and there are no specific statutes codified by the Kentucky legislature related to animal confinement

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302 KAR 21:030. Beef Cattle, Bison, and Veal Specific Provisions.

Section 1.

The provisions of 302 KAR 21:020 apply to on-farm livestock and poultry in Kentucky, except as provided by this administrative regulation. This administrative regulation adds additional standards and specifically authorized practices to 302 KAR 21:020 for beef cattle, bison, and veal.

Section 2.

(1) Additional Standards.

- (a) Veal calves shall be fed two (2) or more times per day following a regular routine, if not provided unlimited access. On all farms that house veal calves, there shall be access to hot water for the purpose of sanitation and mixing milk-based liquid diet or milk replacer.
- (b) During calving, there shall be sufficient space to enable cows to separate themselves from other animals.
- (c) If used, housing systems shall allow animals to access feed and water.

(2) Authorized Practices. The following shall be authorized practices:

- (a) Group pens and individual pens.
 - 1. Except as provided by subparagraph 2 of this paragraph, group pens and individual pens for veal calves shall be authorized if the pens allow for air circulation and lighting, allow socialization between veal calves, and allow the calves to stand without impediment, rest in normal postures, groom, and eat.
 - 2. After December 31, 2017, veal calves shall be raised in group pens;
- (b) Castration;
- (c) Disbudding;
- (d) Dehorning;



- (e) Identification;
- (f) Supernumerary teat removal;
- (g) Hoof trimming;
- (h) Artificial insemination;
- (i) Embryo transfer;
- (j) Navel dipping;
- (k) Breeding soundness evaluations;
- (l) Ear notching; and
- (m) Surgery.

