



End of 2011 RAMP Recommendations

There were 677 RAMP's completed in 2011 bringing the total number of RAMP's completed in 2010 and 2011 to 1,339.

The most commonly cited recommendations from the management plan are as follows:

- 21% Don't purchase more cows/minimize purchases/buy from low risk herds
- 16% Remove heifer calves quickly from maternity area to individual pens/hutches
- 10% Feed more colostrum, and feed it on time.
- 8% Separate newborn calf from cow (create mini-pen, calf box/cart, etc.)
- 8% Don't feed non-saleable milk of high SCC milk to heifer calves
- 5% Separate heifers (bred/pregnant/breeding) from dry cows
- 5% Calving pen is NOT to be used as a hospital pen (need separate pen)
- 4% One cow in calving pen at a time/minimize cows in calving pen
- 4% Feed low-risk milk
- 4% Use more bedding/reduce stocking density

When RAMP recommendations were categorized by management practices, those pertaining to maternity area management, biosecurity and colostrum and milk feeding for young calves were the most commonly recorded recommendations (see below).

