

UNDERSTANDING THE BALANCE

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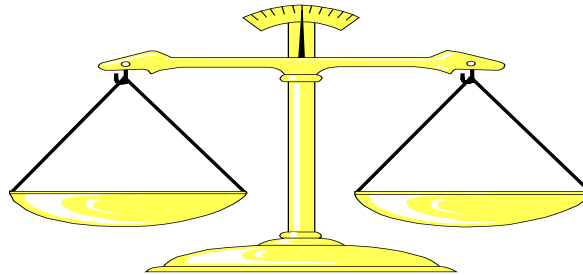
Symptoms surface depending on the accumulative balance between biological, physical, or psychological stress and the level of cow comfort or health.

PROBLEM SYMPTOMS

Poor Appetite
Weight Loss
Feet and Leg Problems
Lower Production
Elevated Somatic Cell Count
Arthritic or Stiff Movement
Passive Behavior
Poor Healing, and Bruised
Down cows, or Sudden Death
Head Pressing
Nose Bleeds
Shifting from Foot to Foot

DESIRED PERFORMANCE

Aggressive Appetite
Proper Condition
Healthy Feet and Legs
Reaching Genetic Potential
Low Somatic Cell Count
Normal or Active Movement
Alert, and Aware
Normal Healing, no Bruising
Full Barn, and Replacements
Desired Behavior
No Abnormal Bleeding
No Unusual Dancing



STRESS FACTORS

Small Stalls
Limited or No Bedding
Poor Ventilation
Limited or No Exercise
Stray Voltage(SV)
Low Fiber Rations
Long Periods of No Feed
Crowding at Stalls, Feed, Water
Poor Sanitation
Limited or Rough Handling
Variable Daily Work Schedule
Limited Daily Rest
Poor Nutrition
No Hoof Care

HEALTH FACTORS

Full Sized Stalls
Maximum Bedding
Adequate Ventilation
Daily Exercise
No Significant SV
Healthy Rumen Digestion
Feed by Cows 20-24 Hour
Adequate Availability
Clean stalls, and Cows
No Abuse
Predictable Daily Schedule
Adequate Time for Rest
Balance and Quality Ration
Regular Trimming, Foot Bath

The number of stresses or insults that the cow must cope with will influence the amount of problems that develop.