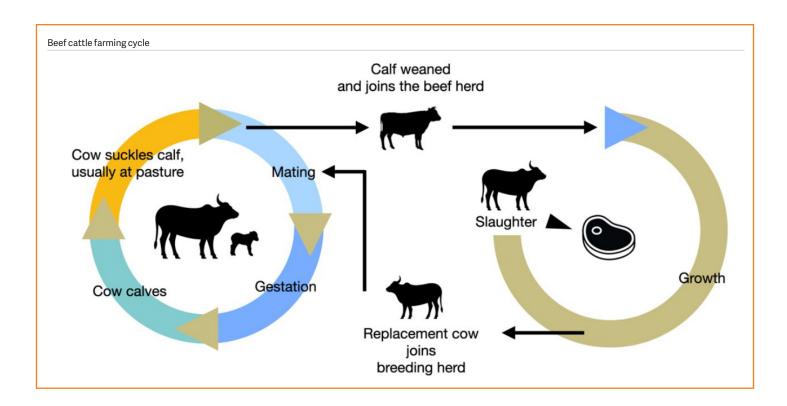
5.1 Beef cattle Toolkit

Introduction

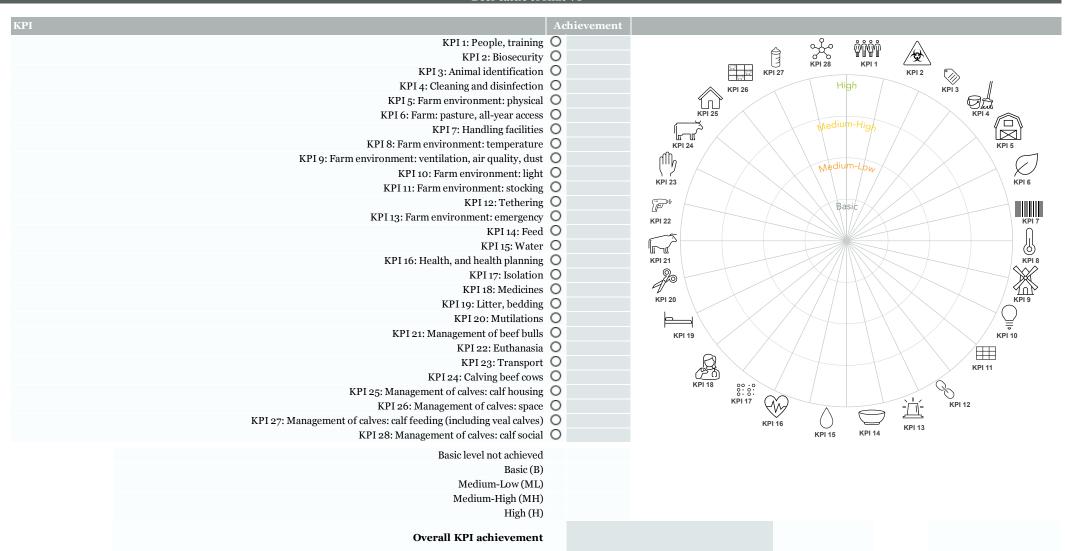
Cattle were domesticated around 10,000 years ago from aurochs in the middle east, creating the Bos taurus-type of animal, and from a different type of auroch in the Indian subcontinent, resulting in zebu-type cattle (Bos indicus). Cattle are raised to produce milk, meat and hides, and to provide draft power for productive work. In grass-based systems, cattle play an important role in nutrient recycling and can convert human-inedible plant matter into protein. Cattle are raised in diverse production systems ranging from capital-intensive, specialised beef and dairy grass-based and feed-lot systems; through multi-purpose cattle in labour-intensive, mixed crop-livestock systems; to extensive pastoral and agro-pastoral systems. According to the FAO, the world has around one billion head of cattle. Brazil has the largest number of cattle in the world, followed by India and China, and at least 100 countries have more than one million head of cattle. Cattle can live for up to 22 years, but are usually slaughtered much younger than this often at two years of age. Cows can usually give birth to one calf (occasionally twins) in each yearly cycle (See Figure: Beef cattle farming cycle).

Cows prefer to spend time at pasture, especially at night, but will opt for housing in certain climatic conditions. Cattle have been shown to enjoy social interactions, including between cow and calf, although both males and females fight occasionally. Calves enjoy playing as they get older, and even occasionally as adults, such as when first accessing pasture after winter housing. Cattle will choose to eat a range of plants when available.

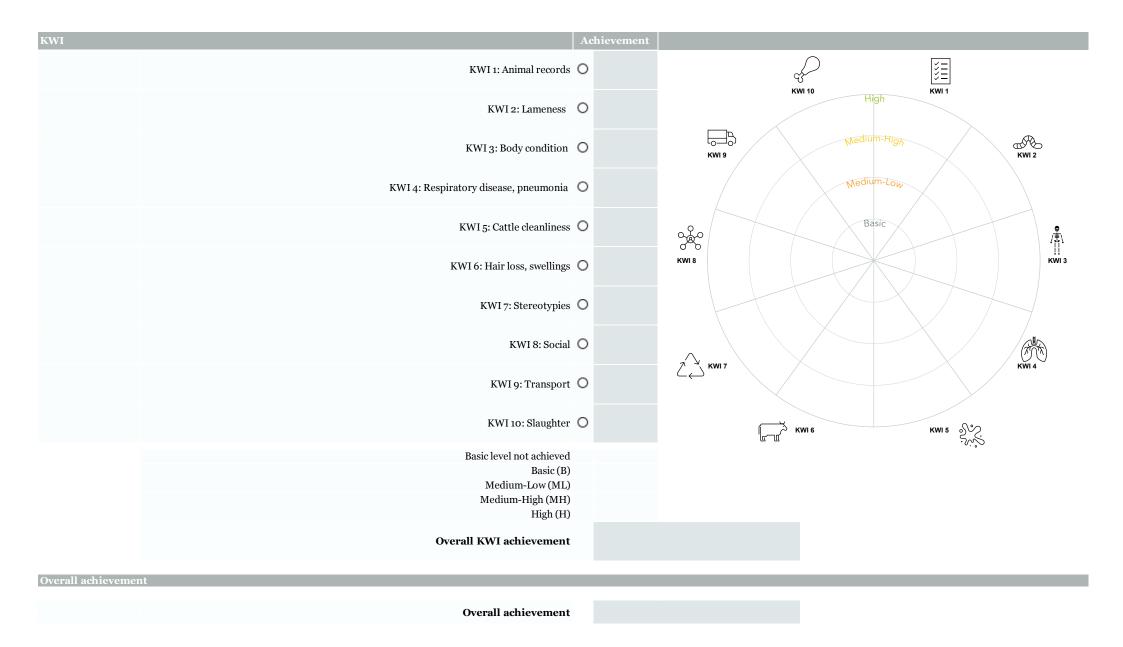
Key welfare impacts on cattle include: lack of pasture access in feed lot cattle (restricting their grazing behaviours); mutilations such as castration and disbudding; very early weaning of calves; lameness; skin lesions and swellings; use of draft animals that can result in skin lesions; transport over long distances; and non-stun slaughter.



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People, training - I	inks to P1, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	All people responsible for the care of animals have received appropriate training by others with appropriate experience, who can demonstrate sufficient knowledge of animal behaviour, general signs of diseases and indicators of poor animal welfare.	0		0		
` '	People handling animals are trained in handling techniques, cow care, and biosecurity. Records of training are kept.	0		0		
	Routine procedures should not cause injury, panic, lasting fear or avoidable pain or distress, and where painful procedures cannot be avoided, they should be carried out by competent and trained people.	0				
	An animal welfare contact person or co-ordinator, responsible for animal welfare aspects within the farm or company is identified.	0				
	The animal welfare contact person has received training in animal welfare aspects. Training, performance and competence of staff is reviewed, and periodic refresher training is	0		0		
High (H)	carried out. People in the company are supported to have higher-level training, or achieve professional qualifications in beef cow management, animal care and animal welfare.	0		0		
	The company supports staff to take part in development and training programmes.	0				

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Biosecurity - Links to P5, P8, P11		Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Beef cattle housing has surfaces that allow cleaning, and are periodically cleaned, so animals can remain clean and to help prevent disease.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	A biosecurity programme/plan (Resource 7) is in place.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	Access to farm buildings is limited to essential farm employees only.	0				
	All farm visitors adhere to strict biosecurity requirements specific to the farm being visited.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	The biosecurity programme includes a risk assessment, which may be based on hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) training, on the primary pathogens and parasites likely to pose a risk to the herd.	0		•		

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Animal identificat	ion - Links to P10	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Cattle are identifiable, in line with the local requirements – for example, by ear tag or other permitted mark – to allow for traceability (see also: Mutilations KP120).	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Imported cattle are identifiable, in line with local requirements, by ear tag or other mark to allow for traceability.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	Marking of cattle is done with care, by trained people, and avoiding unnecessary pain or distress.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	If used, neckbands, tailbands or leg bands are fitted with care and adjusted as required to avoid unnecessary pain or distress.	0		0		



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Cleaning and disin	fection - Links to P5, P8, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Vermin are controlled through the use of bait stations, traps and other appropriate and effective measures, and only approved pest control substances or chemicals permitted by law are used.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	The construction of accommodation, pens and handling facilities ensures they can be cleaned and disinfected.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	Written cleaning and disinfection protocols are implemented.	0				
	A list of permitted disinfectants and detergents used on the farm, and their safety data sheets, is available.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	The most humane effective baiting method is adopted, and pest control baits are only accessible to the targeted species. $ \\$	0		0		



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Farm environment	t: physical - Links to P4, P5, P6, P9	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Floors, surfaces, fittings, equipment and other facilities in and around the cattle housing is designed, constructed, operated and maintained to minimise the risk of escape, injury, electrical shock, trapping, or disease, and are free from rough edges and sharp protrusions.	0		0		
	Cattle kept outdoors must have access to shelter and a well-drained lying area.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	The house environment provides opportunity for comfortable resting and normal movement, and expression of a range of normal cattle behaviours.	0		0		
	Slats, if used, do not result in injury to the animals' feet.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Cattle are protected from predators, vermin and excessive noise.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	Automatic systems and machines (for example, automated feed systems for beef cattle) have not replaced human 'care and observation' until their safe and reliable use in maintaining animal welfare has been demonstrated.	0		0		

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Farm: pasture, all-	year access - Links to P3, P4, P6	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of the welfare advantages of access to pasture when the ground conditions allow. $$	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	If cattle are kept outside permanently, they should be protected from extreme weather conditions (especially for land prone to drought, flooding, or snow cover), and able to receive adequate food and water.	0		0		
	Where present, dirt lots, loafing paddocks, loafing yards and wood chip corrals are maintained to provide good ground conditions for the cattle.	0				
	Animals at pasture are given protection from biting insects where possible.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	At pasture, there is enough shade and shelter available for all animals to use at the same time.	0		_		
	For cattle kept outside permanently, there is a dry lying area or alternative site where they can be moved in the case of extreme weather.	0		O		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		
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Handling facilities	- Links to P4, P5, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer uses temporary gates or handling facilities to move or handle cattle.	0		0		
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Handling facilities	- Links to P4, P5, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer uses temporary gates or handling facilities to move or handle cattle.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	There are appropriate permanent holding and handling facilities onsite.	0				
	Races and gates are designed so animals can move through them easily.	0		0		
	Cattle are not pulled or lifted by the tail, ears or limbs.	0				
	Sticks are not be used for hitting cattle.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	A crate or crush is available and in good condition, and designed for cattle of the appropriate size.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	Loading facilities (if provided) have a ramp of no more than a 20% incline.	0		0		

Farm environment	: temperature - Links to P4, P9	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment			
Basic (B)	Heating and cooling systems are capable of producing enough heat or cooling to ensure the cattle do not get too hot or too cold. This is particularly important for calves and young cattle.	0		0					
Medium-Low (ML)	Management steps (such as shade, shelter, increased ventilation) are taken if cows indicate signs of heat stress or extreme cold.	0		0					
Medium-High (MH)	As previous.	0		0					
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0					



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Farm environment	: ventilation, air quality, dust - Links to P4, P9	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of air quality as a welfare concern.	0		0		
Medilim-Low DVI	Housing is effectively ventilated with control of humidity, no build-up of noxious gases (for example, ammonia, nitrogen oxide, hydrogen sulphide).	0		0		
	When removing slurry from under slats, a protocol is followed to avoid risks of dangerous gases which may be fatal to people and animals.	0		O		
Medium-High (MH)	If meters or testing tubes are used to assess air quality: ammonia must not exceed 25ppm.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	An air quality score is used (see Resource 4).	0		0		

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Farm environmen	t: light - Links to P6	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Light levels are at the legal base requirement.	0				
	If no legal requirement exists, adequate levels of light are provided for carers to observe animals, and for the animals to carry out daytime behaviours.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Housing has lighting which allows inspection of the cattle, and normal behaviours and rest.	0		0		
	Dark rest periods are provided.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	Fixed or portable artificial lighting is available, at any time, to allow sufficient light to inspect animals, for example, during calving.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	Natural light is provided.	0				
	Housed cows have a normal period of daylight hours, and access to an area lit to a level of at least 200 Lux measured at cow eye-level.	0		0		

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Farm environmen	t: stocking - Links to P4, P6	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Where stocking density is legislated, the legal specification is followed.	0				
	All cattle have sufficient space to walk, turn around, sit unobstructed, and access feed and water without undue competition.	0		0		
	If no local legal space allowance is specified, the recommendations in Resource 10 are adopted.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	Yards or loose housing allow all cows to lie down at the same time, to rise without difficulty, and to turn around and stretch (see Resource 10 for recommended space allowances).	0		0		
	Cubicle housing systems provide at least 5% more cubicles than the number of cows.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	The loafing (non-cubicle) area per animal is at least 120% of the size of the cubicle lying area.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		



Tethering - Links t	o P4, P6	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	All-year-round tethering is not permitted.	0				
	If tethered, cattle are untethered before calving.	0				
	Exercise without a tether is provided daily for tethered cattle.	0		0		
	Tethers do not cause pain or injury, do not tighten, are made of non-abrasive materials.	0		0		
	Tethers allow cattle space to lie down, rise without difficulty, stand in a natural position, stretch and groom without obstruction.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	No tethering of any cattle (cows, bulls, calves) is permitted.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	As previous.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		

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Farm environmen	t: emergency - Links to P7, P10, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The company has written plans in place to deal with emergencies such as fire, power failure, flooding, accidental injuries, freezing, failure of water and feed supply, or chemical or effluent spillage.	0		0		
	The written plan is in place, displayed and implementable in an emergency.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	Contacts and emergency phone numbers, and contact numbers in cases where the emergency can affect human health, are available at each site.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	If generators are used for backup power, they are tested periodically under conditions of load.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	The emergency plan includes approved methods of humane killing, with each method having a standard operating procedure (SOP) containing instructions for implementation, equipment requirements, training, safety, biosecurity and environmental aspects.	0		0		
	The methods proposed are consistent with national law.	0				

Feed - Links to P3		Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The feed is of quantity and quality to maintain normal health and productivity, to prevent prolonged hunger or malnutrition, and is suited to the cattles' age and needs.	0		0		
	Feed and watering systems are easily accessible to all cattle, without bullying.	0		0		
	All feeding and drinking systems are checked daily for proper operation.	0				
	In feed barrier systems, 'pushing up' (moving feed closer to the feed barrier) is carried out, so cattle can access feed at all times.	0				
	Feed is stored to protect from contamination or water damage.	0				
	Medicated feed is kept separate and clearly labelled.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Feeder space allowance for adult cattle is provided as suggested in Resource 10.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		



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Water - Links to P3		Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Water is of a quantity, quality and hygiene to maintain normal health, and to prevent dehydration.	0				
	Drinkers and drinking troughs meet both manufacturer recommendations and local regulatory requirements, and must provide adequate access for all cattle.	0		0		
	$Drinking\ systems\ essential\ for\ cattle\ health\ and\ welfare\ are\ checked\ daily\ for\ proper\ operation.$	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	Cattle have access to clean potable water during all daylight hours.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	Adequate drinking space is provided. Cattle have a minimum of 10cm water trough space per head, so at least 10% of the herd can drink at the same time.	0				
	There are multiple drinking points, good water flow and sufficient water capacity for peak demand.			0		
	Troughs are emptied and cleaned out every 1-2 weeks.	0				
	Water is tested annually to ensure potability to FAO standards (see FAO in Resource 12).	0				
HIgh (H)	An emergency water supply has sufficient capacity to supply the site for 24 hours at maximum demand.	0		0		

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Health, and health	planning - Links to P5, P8	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	A procedure is in place to report, and deal with, an outbreak of any notifiable disease.	0		0		
	Daily (minimum) checks are carried out on cattle and calves kept outside.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Infectious, parasitic and metabolic diseases, injury, and conditions causing distress, are prevented and controlled through good management, good animal care, biosecurity, vaccination and genetic selection.	0		0		
	The farming system does not depend on prolonged or routine use of pharmaceuticals.	0				
	Twice daily (minimum) checks for animals about to give birth, and cattle and calves inside.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	A Health and Welfare (H&W) plan is in place (Resource 6).	0		0		
HIgh (H)	The H&W plan is reviewed annually and authorised by the company veterinarian.	0		0		

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Isolation - Links t	o P ₅ , P8	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware that separation of sick animals from healthy animals has welfare advantages.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Appropriate facilities are available (within 3 hours) for the segregation or isolation of sick or injured cattle.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	The isolation facility is capable of being cleaned and disinfected, and shares no airspace with other livestock housing, does not allow direct contact with any other animals, and has drainage preventing contamination of other livestock areas.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		





Medicines - Links to P5, P11		Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Any drugs or other agents used to treat cattle must be compliant with all local guidelines and applicable local legislation.	0		0		
	Hormones and antibiotics are not used as growth promoters.	0		0		
	Preventive (prophylactic) use of antimicrobials is not permitted.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	Vaccines and medicines are stored securely and in the recommended conditions (label instructions).	0				
	Medicine use is recorded (Resource 5).	0				
	The company has access to a veterinarian experienced in cattle care.	0		0		
	Any antimicrobials classified as being of 'high' or 'medium' importance for human medicine, defined as Highest Priority Critically Important Antimicrobials (HPCIA), are not permitted for use in cattle, unless under veterinary advice.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Persons responsible for administering medicines have relevant experience and training.	0				
	An annual review of medicine use should include a review of records and data, including medicine records, and make recommendations to responsibly reduce antibiotic usage where appropriate, without negatively impacting welfare.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	An antimicrobial stewardship plan is in place and is complied with (see OIE 2016 example in Resource 12).	0				
	The plan is reviewed annually, and is linked to existing regional or national antimicrobial stewardship schemes.	0		0		
	The company reviews prophylactic treatment and makes recommendations for alternative disease prevention strategies.	0				

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Litter, bedding - L	inks to P4	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Bedding provision (such as straw, hay, wood shavings, sand, rice hulls and rubber matting) is at the legal base requirement.	0				
	Housing conditions allow cows to be able to keep clean, and the cows are clean.	0		0		
	Where no legal definition exists, some new bedding material is added to the bedded area regularly to maintain comfort and hygiene.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	Water, urine, dung or slurry does not accumulate to a degree which makes the cattle wet or dirty.	0				
	All cattle sent to slaughter meet the abattoir cleanliness requirements, or are 'clean' as described in Resource 1.	0		0		
	The bedding is of sufficient depth to provide comfort and hygiene for the cattle.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Lying areas are well drained and regularly cleaned out to avoid a build-up of dirty bedding.	0		0		
	Slurry and manure in passage and feeding areas is removed at least twice daily.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	Fully slatted systems without bedding are prohibited.	0		0		



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Mutilations - Link	s to P5, P7	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware that where mutilations are carried out, methods are available to reduce pain and distress. Tail docking is not carried out.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Where painful procedures cannot be avoided, they should be carried out by competent and trained people.	0				
	Where painful procedures cannot be avoided, pain is actively managed, for example through using analgesics, or procedures under anaesthetic.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH) HIgh (H)	The suggested age limits and methods in Resource 11 are adopted. Mutilations are undesirable, and alternatives to mutilations are used wherever possible. No mutilations are carried out.	0		0		
KPI 21						
Management of be	ef bulls - Links to P4, P5, P6, P9, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B) Medium-Low (ML)	Bull pens allow the bull sight and sound of farm activity. Bulls are checked at least twice daily. Bulls are allowed sufficient exercise.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	The area where the bull and cow mates is designed to avoid injuries to the bull and the cow.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	If a bull is kept in a pen, it should include a sleeping area of >16m2. For bulls heavier than 1,000kg, the sleeping area should be >1m2 for each 60kg liveweight.	0		0		
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Euthanasia - Links	s to P ₅ , P ₇	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Cattle are euthanised by adopting local legally-approved methods. Sick or distressed animals are isolated and treated promptly, or euthanised humanely without delay, if treatment is not feasible or recovery is unlikely.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	People responsible for euthanasia have received appropriate training. Any equipment used for euthanasia is maintained in good working order, and records documenting maintenance are kept.	0				
	Carcases of mortalities or euthanised animals are stored and protected from vermin and other			0		



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animals, and disposed of by local and national permitted methods only (such as incineration,

Methods used for euthanasia in emergency or disease control situations have approval from the

A written policy for euthanasia is produced by working with a veterinarian and is based on

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Transport - Links	to P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Handling for transport is carried out by trained people.	0		0		
	Animals which are sick, weak, injured, or known to be diseased, are not transported.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Cattle in transport and awaiting market or slaughter are protected from adverse weather and high temperatures.	0				
	No electric goads are used.	0				
	Cattle are not pulled or lifted by the tail, ears or limbs.	0				
	Sticks are not used for hitting cattle.	0				
	The following animals are not transported unless under the direction of a veterinary surgeon:	0				
	Sick or injured cattle or calves.	0		0		
	Animals unable to move independently without pain or walk unassisted.	0				
	Animals with a severe open wound, or prolapse – where moving them would cause additional suffering.	0				
	Heavily-pregnant cows (where more than 90% of the gestation period has passed) unless being transported for veterinary treatment.	0				
	Cows which have given birth during the last 7 days.	0				
	New-born calves with unhealed or wet navels.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Animals are handled using low-stress methods, equipment, and facilities that calm animal movement.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		

Calving beef cows	- Links to P2, P4, P5, P10, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of the disease and welfare advantages of calving cows in a separate, hygienic and clean bedded area.	0		0		
	Cattle that are calving are kept separate from other livestock, other than calving cows.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	There are appropriate facilities for cows to give birth.	0				
	Sire (bulls) are selected to help to ensure that cows are able to calve without calving problems (dystokia).	0		0		
	If individual calving pens are used:	0		0		
	a) the calving pens is at least 12m2	0				
	b) cows do not remain in a calving pen for more than 48 hours	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Cows in the calving pen can see and hear other cows.	0				
	The calving pen is equipped with a means of restraint to allow human care of the calving cow.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		



Management of ca	lves: calf housing - Links to P4, P5, P6	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The housing area and pens for calves provides a safe, comfortable and hygienic environment.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Calf housing is well ventilated. Calf housing is lit to allow for checking of animals and for normal calf behaviours. Calves have clean, dry bedding. Calf housing is not fully slatted.	0 0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	The accommodation for calves is well lit, preferably by natural light, for at least 8 hours a day.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		

Management of ca	lves: space - Links to P4, P5, P6	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Calves are housed adopting local legal requirements.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Calf housing allows all calves to lie down at the same time, to rise without difficulty, and to stretch and move freely.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	The space requirements listed in Resource 10 are provided for calves.	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		

Management of ca	lves: calf feeding (including veal calves) - Links to P3	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Calves are not muzzled (a muzzle is a device to control feeding and suckling).	0				
	Artificially-reared calves and young cattle are provided with sufficient access to fresh and clean drinking water.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Pre-weaned calves are given dry, fresh, clean feed and forage daily.	0				
	Individual buckets are provided where calves are bucket-fed.	0		0		
	Feeding equipment is kept in a clean condition.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Calves are given at least 2 milk feeds daily until 28 days, and not we aned before 5 weeks of age.	0		0		
	Calves more than 8 days old have access each day to dried feed or forage material containing sufficient digestible fibre of not less than 100g to 250g daily, depending on the age of the animal.	0				
	Roughage is supplied separately to bedding material and is available to the calves at all times.	0				
HIgh (H)	When teat feeding, calves are given at least 3 feeds per day.	0				
	The calves diet prevents anaemia and any mineral and vitamin deficiency.	0				
	Signs of anaemia include:	0				
	Reduced appetite	0				
	Reduced growth rate	0		0		
	Pale mucous membranes	0				
	Rapid heart rate	0				
	Lethargy, inactivity and weakness.	0				
	The iron content in the diet maintains a blood haemoglobin level of 9g/dl (decilitre).	0				

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Management of ca	lves: calf social - Links to P6	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Where there is local legislation on calf housing and group sizes, it is adopted.	0				
	Where there is no local legislation, local common practice for calf housing regard group sizes (if any) is followed.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Visual and physical contact with other calves is provided if 2 or more young animals are present.	0		0		
	Calves are not housed in individual hutches or pens after 8 weeks of age.	0		0		
	Physical contact with other calves is provided if 2 or more young animals are present.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	Calves are reared as pairs, or in group rearing from at least 3 weeks of age for healthy calves (calves with no pneumonia or scour diarrhoea).	0		0		
HIgh (H)	As previous.	0		0		



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Animal records - l	Links to P10	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Records are kept of: Births Mortality (including calves stillborn) Animals sent to the abattoir	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Records are kept of: Lameness (clinical cases, non-routine foot trimming) Culling and reasons for culling (planned culls, poor fertility, etc.)	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	Records are kept of: Neck, knee, hock swelLinks/calluses Sole bruising (haemorrhage), sole ulcers, white line disease, digital dermatitis, interdigital infections Haematomas Abscesses Broken tails Chronic scar tissue Very dirty animals Abattoir feedback (where provided and applicable) on conditions of animals slaughtered	0		0		
High (H)	Records are kept of staff observation and checking times for cattle.	0		0		

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Lameness - Links	to P4, P5, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of lameness as a welfare issue.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Lameness is evaluated on-farm using pictures and descriptions such as those seen in Resource 1.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	If the prevalence of lameness is higher than established targets set by the company, measures are taken to improve on-farm conditions.	0		0		
High (H)	The company sets high targets for lameness prevalence, measures performance, and reports on outcomes.	0		0		

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Body condition - Links to P4, P5, P11		Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of the impact of poor body condition on cattle welfare.	0		0		
	Body condition scoring is carried out by the farmer (an example of a body condition score scale is given in Resource 1 – similar scales exist in several countries).	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	The farmer is trained in body condition scoring.	0		0		
	Feed provided maintains adequate body condition.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	The farmer responds to the following minimum body condition scores for different parts of the beef cycle (by altering feed and management of the cattle): Spring calvers At calving: 2.5-3.0 At service: 2.5 At weaning or housing: 3.0-3.5 Autumn calvers At calving: 2.5 At service: 2.5 At service: 2.5 At weaning or housing: 2.5-3.0	0		0		
	Cattle are not excessively fat (BCS>=4)	0				
High (H)	Annual review of body condition scores is part of the health plan.	0		0		
	Weighing of cows takes place.	0				

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Respiratory diseas	e, pneumonia - Links to P4, P5, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of the link between housing conditions and respiratory disease, particularly in young cattle.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Treatment action is taken when there are cases of respiratory disease	0		0		
` ,	In cases of respiratory disease, measures are taken to improve on-farm conditions.	O		~		
	If the incidence of respiratory disease is higher than established targets, particularly in young cattle, measures are taken to improve on-farm conditions.	0		0		
High (H)	The company sets high targets for respiratory disease performance and reports on outcomes.	0		0		

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Cattle cleanliness	Links to P4, P5, P7, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of cattle cleanliness as a hygiene and welfare issue.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Cattle cleanliness is evaluated at the slaughter plant using pictures and descriptions such as those seen in Resource 1.	0		0		
	If cattle are dirty at the slaughter plant, the farmer is informed.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	If the incidence of dirtiness is higher than established targets, measures are taken to improve on-farm conditions.	0		0		
High (H)	The company sets high targets for cow cleanliness, measures performance, and reports on outcomes.	0		0		



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Hair loss, swelLinks - Links to P4, P5, P11		Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware of hair loss, swelLinks and haematomas as a welfare issue.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	Hair loss, swelLinks, abrasions and haematomas are evaluated at the slaughter plant using pictures and descriptions such as those seen in Resource 1.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	If cattle are found with hair loss, swelLinks and haematomas at the slaughter plant, the farmer is informed.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	If the incidence of hair loss, swelLinks, haematomas or abrasions is higher than established targets, measures are taken to improve on-farm conditions.	0		0		
	The company sets high targets for low levels of hair loss, swelLinks, haematomas and abrasions, and measures performance and reports on outcomes.	0		0		

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Stereotypies - Linl	cs to P4, P6, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	The farmer is aware that prolonged repeated activities (stereotypies) can indicate a welfare issue.	0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	As previous.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	The farmer takes action if these stereotypies are seen: Repeated rubbing in the absence of disease Tongue rolling/aerophagia Pen or gate biting/chewing Pica (licking/chewing solid objects) Eating soil/sand/dirt Navel sucking Ear sucking Urine drinking	0		•		
High (H)	Review of actions to prevent stereotypies is included in the health plan.	0		0		

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Social - Links to P	6, P11	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Cattle are kept in appropriate groups according to age, size and stage of the production cycle.	0		0		
	All cattle, including bulls, are allowed the sound and view of other cattle.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	Fractious (cattle which bully other cattle or are dangerous) or fully-horned cattle are not mixed with unfamiliar animals, or are removed from the group if there is bullying or injury.	0		0		
Medium-High (MH)	As previous	0		0		
High (H)	Polled breeds are used to prevent horn-related bullying.	0		0		



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Transport - Links	to P10	Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	Legally-required stocking densities in transport are followed.	0		0		
	Journey durations are in line with local legislative requirements.	0				
	The transport is free from sharp edges or projections.	0				
	The transport allows the livestock to be inspected.	0				
	Cattle are not roughly moved onto transport that does not have ramps.	0				
	Cattle are not forced to jump on to, or off, of transport without ramps.	0				
	The transport is adequately ventilated for the temperature and loading conditions.	0				
Medium-Low (ML)	Loading ramps are designed to reduce the risk of slipping.	0		0		
	The flooring of the transport is not itself hazardous (for example, use of wire meshes or metal bars on the floor may prevent slipping, but are potentially damaging to feet and legs).	0				
	Transport flooring prevents the leakage of faeces and urine (as far as practicable).	0				
	The transport is safe and secure. For example, it has sides, partitions within the transport, and gates sufficient to safely contain the animals during transport.	0				
	The transport has headroom that allows livestock to stand in a natural position.	0				
Medium-High (MH)	The angle of internal and external ramps does not exceed 26.6° for a dult cattle and 20° for calves.	0		0		
	Vehicles have a roof to protect the animals from sun and weather.	0				
High (H)	Vehicles used to transport cattle for export journeys over 8 hours, or non-export journeys over 12 hours, have ventilation and temperature monitoring equipment and alarms.	0		•		
	A ventilation system is fitted, with a minimum airflow of nominal capacity of 60 cubic metres per hour per kilo Newton of payload, that can operate independently of the vehicle engine for at least 4 hours.	0				



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Slaughter - Links to P11		Observed?	Comment on observation	Achieved level?	Progress	Evidence/comment
Basic (B)	A recognised method to induce immediate insensibility is adopted at slaughter (see Introduction Section 3.5 regarding stunning). Animals are slaughtered adopting local legally-approved methods. The slaughterhouse is aware of stunning as a welfare issue. Stunning and killing is conducted by an appropriately trained and competent person. Electro-immobilisation is not used. Any equipment used for euthanasia is maintained in good working order, and is appropriate for	0 0000 0		0		
Medium-Low (ML)	the designated use, and records documenting maintenance are kept. Staff are trained in, and able to explain: how to check an animal has been properly stunned; check for signs of consciousness and unconsciousness; and know what to do if an animal hasn't been properly stunned. At least 1 welfare contact person or co-ordinator (sometimes known as an Animal Welfare Officer) is appointed to have specific knowledge, training and responsibility for welfare during slaughter. In cattle lines, where the carcase must be hoisted to a bleed area, maximum stun-to-stick intervals of 60 seconds for penetrative captive-bolt, and 30 seconds for the non-penetrative			0		
Medium-High (MH)	captive-bolt, are adopted. Targets for welfare at slaughter are set: o Cattle not effectively rendered immediately insensible (miss stuns %) are recorded and action taken to reduce to a minimum (<1%). o Vocalisations of animals in the stunning and slaughter areas (including the race) <2%. o Slips in the lairage and raceways <3% and no animals falling. o <10% of animals require any encouragement to move through the slaughter facility.	0		0		
High (H)	Internationally-recognised best practice methods for slaughter are adopted (for RSPCA Slaughter requirements see Resource 12).	0		•		

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