

# Dairy Farmer Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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### Question # 1

What is the average length of standing heat?

**Answer:-**

18 hours

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### Question # 2

When should one start recording a heifers heat periods?

**Answer:-**

Two to three months before she should be bred

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### Question # 3

Name a defect when judging a class of dairy cows which is a disqualification?

**Answer:-**

Blindness, permanent lameness, a blind quarter

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### Question # 4

What is a sign that a heifer is coming into heat?

**Answer:-**

Attempts to mount other animals, nervousness, restlessness, clear mucous discharge

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### Question # 5

On the Dairy Cow Unified Score Card, what are the four divisions?

**Answer:-**

General appearance, dairy character, body capacity and udder

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### Question # 6

What form of milk is made by churning of whipping cream?

**Answer:-**

Butter

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### Question # 7

What is the official record of registered animals of a breed kept by the breed association called?

**Answer:-**

Herd Book

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### Question # 8



What type of soap should be avoided when washing a dairy cow?

**Answer:-**

A soap with detergent

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**Question # 9**

What are examples of sources of grain protein supplements?

**Answer:-**

Soybean, cottonseed and linseed oil meal

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**Question # 10**

What is the seed portion of the plant called?

**Answer:-**

Grain

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**Question # 11**

Who calculates the official USDA DHIA Sire Summary?

**Answer:-**

United States Department of Agriculture

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**Question # 12**

What is a calf over six months of age called?

**Answer:-**

Heifer

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**Question # 13**

What is the process called when the egg from the cow and the sperm from the bull are joined?

**Answer:-**

Fertilization

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**Question # 14**

How long is a dairy cows gestation period?

**Answer:-**

Approximately 280 days

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**Question # 15**

What is the cows first milk called?

**Answer:-**

Colostrum

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**Question # 16**

How many calories does an 8 ounce glass of whole milk contain?

**Answer:-**

160 calories

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**Question # 17**

At what age can a heifer be bred?

**Answer:-**

13-15 months Dairy Sample Questions from "Animals In Pursuit"

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**Question # 18**



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Each protein is made up of several nitrogen compound. What are they called?

**Answer:-**

Amino acids

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**Question # 19**

How much should a calf gain the first month?

**Answer:-**

1 pound per day

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**Question # 20**

What is a dairy animal called which has parents or ancestors of different breeds?

**Answer:-**

Crossbred

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**Question # 21**

What percent of a calf's weight should it receive in colostrum the first 3 days?

**Answer:-**

6%

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**Question # 22**

The back of a dairy cow is made up of what two parts?

**Answer:-**

Chine and Loin

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**Question # 23**

When the judge is observing the left side of the dairy cow, where should the exhibitor be positioned?

**Answer:-**

In front of the cow

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**Question # 24**

What are two causes of calf scours?

**Answer:-**

Overfeeding milk, feeding from dirty pails, allowing calf to drink too fast or keeping calf in cold, damp and drafty quarters, unsanitary pens

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**Question # 25**

What is a baby dairy cow called?

**Answer:-**

Calf

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**Question # 26**

At what age should a brucellosis vaccination be given to a calf?

**Answer:-**

2-6 months

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**Question # 27**

The lack of which vitamin causes rickets?

**Answer:-**

Vitamin D

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**Question # 28**



What is the father of a calf called?

**Answer:-**

Bull

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**Question # 29**

What should be dipped in iodine after the birth of a calf?

**Answer:-**

Calf's navel

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**Question # 30**

What is an excellent point to blend into on the rear legs when clipping?

**Answer:-**

Blood view in the hock region

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**Question # 31**

What is the nutrient that eventually becomes part of muscle, bone and blood?

**Answer:-**

Protein

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**Question # 32**

What is the most common breed of dairy cow?

**Answer:-**

Holstein

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**Question # 33**

What is the process called whereby the fat in milk is broken into very small parts so it will not float to the top?

**Answer:-**

Homogenized

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**Question # 34**

What is the most common of all dairy foods?

**Answer:-**

Milk

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**Question # 35**

What is the minimum crude protein a good milk replacer should contain?

**Answer:-**

24%

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**Question # 36**

How often do most heifers and cows come into heat?

**Answer:-**

Usually every 21 days (18-24)

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**Question # 37**

If a cow is observed in heat in the morning, when should she be bred?

**Answer:-**

The afternoon of the same day

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**Question # 38**



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What is the average percent protein in cow's milk?

**Answer:-**

3.5%

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**Question # 39**

Which vitamin helps to stop bleeding by clotting the blood?

**Answer:-**

Vitamin K

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**Question # 40**

What are two pieces of information kept in the Herd Book kept by the breed association?

**Answer:-**

Animals registration name, birth date; registration name and number of its sire and dam; name of the breeder Dairy Sample Questions from "Animals In Pursuit"

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**Question # 41**

What is an example of a non protein nitrogen (NPN) used as a protein source in dairy feeds?

**Answer:-**

Urea

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**Question # 42**

How can extra colostrum be kept?

**Answer:-**

Freeze in sturdy containers

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**Question # 43**

What are two important sire selection tools?

**Answer:-**

Predicted Difference and repeatability

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**Question # 44**

Cows of what breed are known for their yellow milk?

**Answer:-**

Guernsey

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**Question # 45**

What two colors is the Holstein breed?

**Answer:-**

Black and White

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**Question # 46**

What are three of the six nutrients animals need?

**Answer:-**

Carbohydrates (energy), fats, protein, vitamins, minerals and water

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**Question # 47**

Which vitamin keeps eye and body cell linings healthy and working?

**Answer:-**

Vitamin A

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**Question # 48**



When showing calves and heifers where should the hind foot nearest the judge be when the animal is posed?

**Answer:-**

One half step back

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**Question # 49**

What is the condition called which results from lack of Vitamin E in the diet?

**Answer:-**

White muscle disease

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**Question # 50**

What nutrient acts as a lubricant and regulates body heat?

**Answer:-**

Water

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**Question # 51**

Extra amounts of what vitamin are usually added to milk?

**Answer:-**

Vitamin D

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**Question # 52**

What is the process called when a calf is switched from milk or milk replaced to water and dry feed?

**Answer:-**

Weaning

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**Question # 53**

What role does fiber have in the calf starter ration?

**Answer:-**

Stimulates rumen development and digestion

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**Question # 54**

What do the letters DHIA stand for?

**Answer:-**

Dairy Herd Improvement Association

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**Question # 55**

What is a sign which tells that calving is near?

**Answer:-**

Udder begins to swell; vulva becomes swollen and discharges present; area around tailhead appears sunken; heifer will lie down and strain

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**Question # 56**

How soon before the show should an exhibitor begin fitting and training animals?

**Answer:-**

2 months

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**Question # 57**

Switzerland is the origin of what dairy breed?

**Answer:-**

Brown Swiss

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**Question # 58**



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When showing cows, where should the hind foot nearest the judge be when the animal is posed?

**Answer:-**

One half step forward

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**Question # 59**

How many months prior to breeding a heifer should both leptospirosis and vibriosis vaccinations be given?

**Answer:-**

1-2 months prior to breeding

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**Question # 60**

Most of what ingredient is removed from skim milk?

**Answer:-**

Fat

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**Question # 61**

Name a piece of equipment used to fit a dairy animal?

**Answer:-**

Clippers, brush

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**Question # 62**

How much should a Holstein or Brown Swiss heifer weigh at 2 years of age?

**Answer:-**

1000-1100 pounds

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**Question # 63**

What is the sire rating for milk of a sire with a predicted difference of above 2000?

**Answer:-**

Extra super

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**Question # 64**

How will a heifer act when she is in standing heat?

**Answer:-**

She stands still and permits other animals to mount her

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**Question # 65**

What are two types of dairy foods?

**Answer:-**

Milk, butter, ice cream, cheese, yogurt

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**Question # 66**

What is the expected daily weight gain of a Holstein heifer calf from 200-800 pounds?

**Answer:-**

1.65 pounds per day

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**Question # 67**

How many feet should be allowed between one showperson and another when circling in the showing?

**Answer:-**

2-4 Feet

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**Question # 68**





What are two ways to identify a calf?

**Answer:-**

Photo or color sketches, tattoos, freeze brands, ear tags, neck chains, ankle straps, brisket tags

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**Question # 69**

What is selection?

**Answer:-**

The choice of animals to be parents of each new generation. Involves culling cows and selecting bulls.

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**Question # 70**

In dairy cattle what is the mother called?

**Answer:-**

Dam

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**Question # 71**

What purpose is served by covering a dairy show animal with a blanket?

**Answer:-**

Loosens the hair and keeps the animal clean

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**Question # 72**

What is a male dairy animal called?

**Answer:-**

Bull

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**Question # 73**

What breed is the smallest of all the dairy breeds?

**Answer:-**

Jersey

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**Question # 74**

What management practice helps prevent navel ill in newborn calves?

**Answer:-**

Dipping navel in iodine

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**Question # 75**

Colostrum has a higher percentage of what nutrients than normal milk?

**Answer:-**

Protein, energy, minerals, vitamin A

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**Question # 76**

In relation to the grain of the hair, which direction should the tail be clipped?

**Answer:-**

With the grain of the hair

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**Question # 77**

How do dairy producers improve the inherited ability of cattle to produce greater amounts of milk?

**Answer:-**

Through selection

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**Question # 78**



Oral reasons should not be longer than how many minutes?

**Answer:-**

2 minutes

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**Question # 79**

What are two common baby calf diseases?

**Answer:-**

Scours and pneumonia

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**Question # 80**

When posing a dairy cow, why are the back legs set up so the one nearest the judge is one half step forward?

**Answer:-**

So the judge can see the rear and fore udder attachments

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**Question # 81**

The Ayrshire breed of dairy cow first came from what country?

**Answer:-**

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**Question # 82**

One group of mammals eats meat and are called carnivores. What is the group that eats grass and grains called?

**Answer:-**

Herbivores

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**Question # 83**

What breed of dairy cow were first raised on the Island of Guernsey in the English Channel?

**Answer:-**

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**Question # 84**

How long should the cherry hot electric dehorning iron be applied to each horn button on a calf?

**Answer:-**

10-15 Seconds

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**Question # 85**

What is the condition in which large amounts of gas is trapped in a calf's stomach and the stomach gets big?

**Answer:-**

Bloat

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**Question # 86**

How many points are given for general appearance, dairy character, body capacity, and udder on the Dairy Cow Unified Score Card?

**Answer:-**

General appearance, 35 points; Dairy character, 20 points; Body capacity, 10 points, Udder, 35 points

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**Question # 87**

What special ingredient in colostrums helps fight infection and disease in the newborn calf?

**Answer:-**

Antibodies

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**Question # 88**



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What are the two methods calves can acquire protection against disease?

**Answer:-**

Passive immunity from absorption of antibodies found in first milk colostrums and active immunity in which the calf manufactures its own antibodies

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**Question # 89**

An IBR-PI, pneumonia vaccination should first be given to a calf at what month of age?

**Answer:-**

4 months of age Dairy Sample Questions from "Animals In Pursuit"

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**Question # 90**

Before entering the showing, what is a question that the exhibitor should be prepared to answer about the animals?

**Answer:-**

Birth date, sire, dam, breeding date, date use to calve, age

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**Question # 91**

How should all movements and positioning of a dairy animal and her feet be accomplished?

**Answer:-**

Only with halter commands, not with feet or body pushing

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**Question # 92**

When clipping the head and neck of a dairy animal, what two body points are used to clip forward of?

**Answer:-**

Forward of a line formed by the point of the shoulders and the front of the withers

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**Question # 93**

What are dairy animals that are officially recorded in the breed association herd book called?

**Answer:-**

Registered animals

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**Question # 94**

When considering sire selection, what does repeatability measure?

**Answer:-**

How accurate or reliable the sire's Predicted Difference (P.D.) is

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**Question # 95**

Name the five body parts considered when evaluating dairy character?

**Answer:-**

Neck, withers, ribs, thighs and skin

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**Question # 96**

What is the meaning of Predicted Difference as it applies to a dairy sire?

**Answer:-**

A measure of the average additional pounds of milk and fat the bull will transmit to his daughters

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**Question # 97**

What dairy product is made by heating milk along with substance called rennet?

**Answer:-**

Cheese

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**Question # 98**



What's the major reason a cow may be culled by choice?

**Answer:-**

Low production

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**Question # 99**

Which direction should the showperson walk in relation to the cow?

**Answer:-**

Backward

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**Question # 100**

What is the process called whereby milk is heated to a high temperature?

**Answer:-**

Pasteurization

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**Question # 101**

What are three common breeds of dairy cows in the United States?

**Answer:-**

Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn

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**Question # 102**

What hormone is important in the milking process?

**Answer:-**

Oxytocin

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**Question # 103**

What is one of the two major reasons a cow would be forced culled?

**Answer:-**

Poor reproduction or mastitis

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**Question # 104**

What is considered nature's most perfect food?

**Answer:-**

Milk

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**Question # 105**

What is the name of cheese with holes?

**Answer:-**

Swiss

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**Question # 106**

How many points are given to General Appearance on the Dairy Cow Unified Score Card?

**Answer:-**

35 points

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**Question # 107**

What is the largest single part of all living things?

**Answer:-**

Water

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**Question # 108**



What are the physical characteristics of a quality fore udder in a dairy cow?

**Answer:-**

Strongly and smoothly attached, moderate length and uniform width from front to rear

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**Question # 109**

What breed of dairy cow came to the United States from Holland?

**Answer:-**

Holstein

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**Question # 110**

What is a group of dairy cattle called?

**Answer:-**

Herd

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**Question # 111**

At what age should a heifer have her first calf?

**Answer:-**

24 months

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**Question # 112**

What is the name of one of the 4 compartments of a ruminants stomach?

**Answer:-**

Rumen, reticulum, omasum, abomasum

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**Question # 113**

How early should a calf receive colostrums?

**Answer:-**

The sooner the better. Within 30 minutes after the calf is born. Dairy Sample Questions from "Animals In Pursuit"

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**Question # 114**

What is a good source of carotene to provide Vitamin A to cattle?

**Answer:-**

Green leafy grass and yellow corn

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**Question # 115**

What is a gestation period?

**Answer:-**

The time between conception (mating) and parturition (giving birth)

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**Question # 116**

What two vitamins is milk high in?

**Answer:-**

A and D

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**Question # 117**

What are the names of two kinds of cheese?

**Answer:-**

Blue, brick, cheddar, cottage, limburger, Monterey, mozzarella, muenster, provolone, swiss

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**Question # 118**



What is the name of the milk sugar found only in milk?

**Answer:-**

Lactose

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**Question # 119**

What are the reproduction cells from the two parents called?

**Answer:-**

Egg and sperm

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**Question # 120**

What is the weight of a newborn calf?

**Answer:-**

70-100 pounds

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**Question # 121**

What are the two parts of a cows hoof?

**Answer:-**

Sole, heel and claw

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**Question # 122**

What does PDCA stand for?

**Answer:-**

Purebred Dairy Cattle Association

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**Question # 123**

How many points does dairy character receive on the Dairy Cow Unified Score Card?

**Answer:-**

20 points

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**Question # 124**

Which direction should the cow be led in the ring?

**Answer:-**

Clockwise

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**Question # 125**

What is the advantage of blending colostrums from different cows?

**Answer:-**

Provides wider range of antibodies to the calf

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**Question # 126**

The lack of which vitamin causes night blindness in cattle?

**Answer:-**

Vitamin A

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**Question # 127**

Milk that has all the water removed is called what?

**Answer:-**

Powdered milk or dry milk

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**Question # 128**



How much does a bushel of shelled corn weigh?

**Answer:-**

50 pounds

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**Question # 129**

What piece of equipment may be used to trim a cows hooves?

**Answer:-**

Hoof trimmer, nipper, hoof knife, chisel and mallet

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**Question # 130**

What are two types of culling in a dairy herd?

**Answer:-**

Forced culling (health) and choice culling (dairyman chooses)

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**Question # 131**

Urea should not be fed to a calf until it is how old?

**Answer:-**

3-4 months old

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**Question # 132**

What are the tiny cells in a cows udder called?

**Answer:-**

Alveoli or Alveolus

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**Question # 133**

What type of bedding is recommended for groups of calves?

**Answer:-**

Straw, corn cobs, sawdust, chopped corn stalks, shavings

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**Question # 134**

What is the organ that produces cows milk called?

**Answer:-**

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**Question # 135**

What is another name for Vitamin C?

**Answer:-**

Ascorbic Acid

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