

Calving Tips

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For many producers, calving season is already underway. Here are a few tips from K-State Research and Extension Beef Veterinarian, A.J. Tarpoff.

- Have your calving supplies on-hand in an easy to access container, such as a cooler. Preparation before calving starts takes stress off you, your team, and your cattle.
- Keep a thermometer on hand. If a newborn calf's temperature is in the 90s, you may have to help them warm up.
- Carry a beach towel with you. Sometimes, a cow may need extra help in waking up her calf. Rubbing the calf with the towel can provide it the neuro-stimulation it needs to take its first breath.
- A difficult birth, yellowish liquid on the calf, or a calf that is slow to suckle are all signs of a stressed calf that may need your help.

Best of luck with calving season!

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