**Goals - Critical Control Points: Management Red Flags**

Critical control points (CCPs) provide goals for various measurements within the dry period - and thresholds when corrective action must be taken. These are examples only, and you will want to set your own CCPs in conjunction with your management team. Your team should agree on what parameters to monitor, set goals, and decide what action to take if measurements reach unacceptable levels.

**Dry-Cow Program Herd Critical Control Points**

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| **PARAMETER** | **GOAL** | **ACTION POINTS** |
| Average dry periodlength | 60 days | > 60 days |
| Body condition atdry-off | Maintain condition at 3.0 to 3.75 | > 3.75 or < 3.0 at dry-off |
| % clinical mastitis atfreshening | < 2% | > 2% |
| % of cows lame | < 10% | > 10% |
| Time on transitionration | 3 weeks | < 3 weeks |
| Housing space | >or = One stall per transition cowBedded pack > or = 100 sq. ft. per cowSpringing heifers in separate pens | < One stall per transition cow Bedded pack < 100 sq. ft. per cowHeifers housed with mature cows |
| Bedding | Clean and dry  | Bedding that fails the knee test |
| Dry matter intakeclose up | 2% body weight | < 2% |
| % cows withlost pregnancies | < 5% | > 5% |

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