



Beef Production: The Basics

Calf Housing

Addendum B

1. Pen space

	Age	Minimum space required per calf
Individual pens	up to 4 weeks	1.5 x 0.75 m
	from 4 to 8 weeks	1.8 x 1.0 m
Indoor standing crates	up to 8 weeks	1.4 x 0.6 m
Group pens	up to 8 weeks	1.1 m ²
	from 8 to 12 weeks	1.5 m ²

2. Housing alternatives

- Individual pens
 - Tethered to stake outdoors
 - Outdoor hutches
 - Outdoor umbrella shelter
 - Indoor calf pens
 - Indoor crates
- Groups
 - Indoor pens
- Surrogate cow

Where calves are tethered to a stake, tethered under an umbrella or housed in outdoor hutches, placing the calf at the lower end of a slope and then moving them at regular intervals up the slope, reduces the incidence of intestinal parasites.

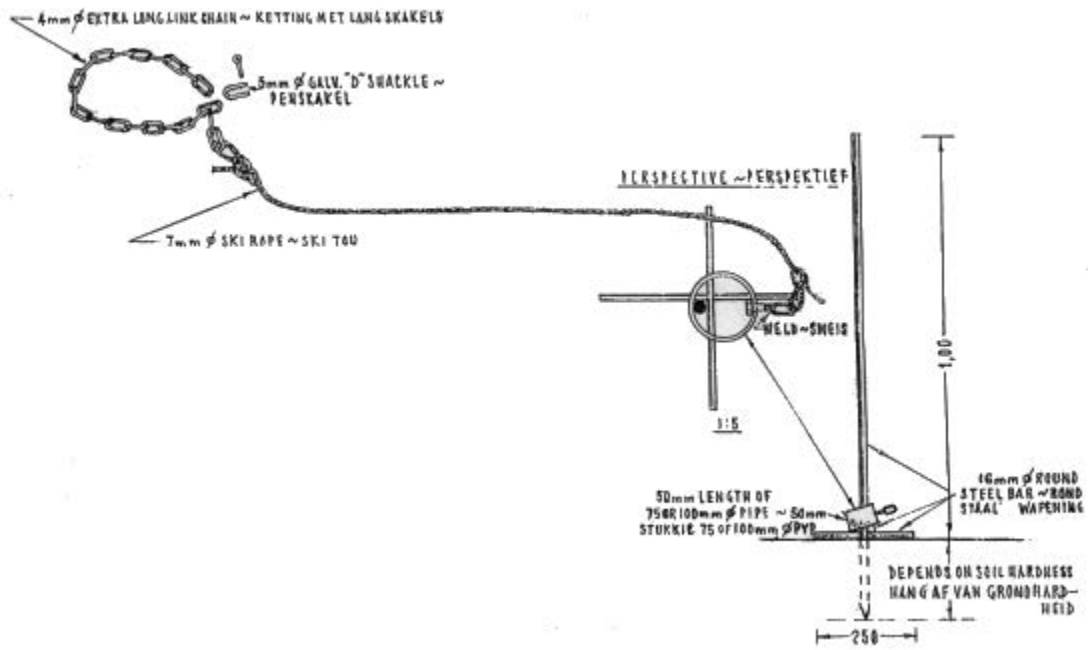


Figure 19. System for tethering calf to a post.

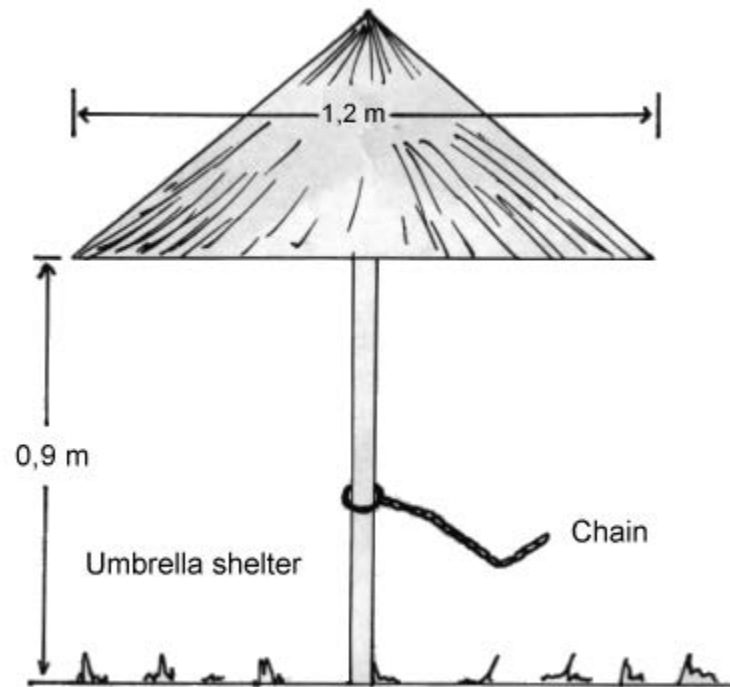


Figure 20. Umbrella shelter for calf rearing, constructed from thatch or other light-weight suitable material.

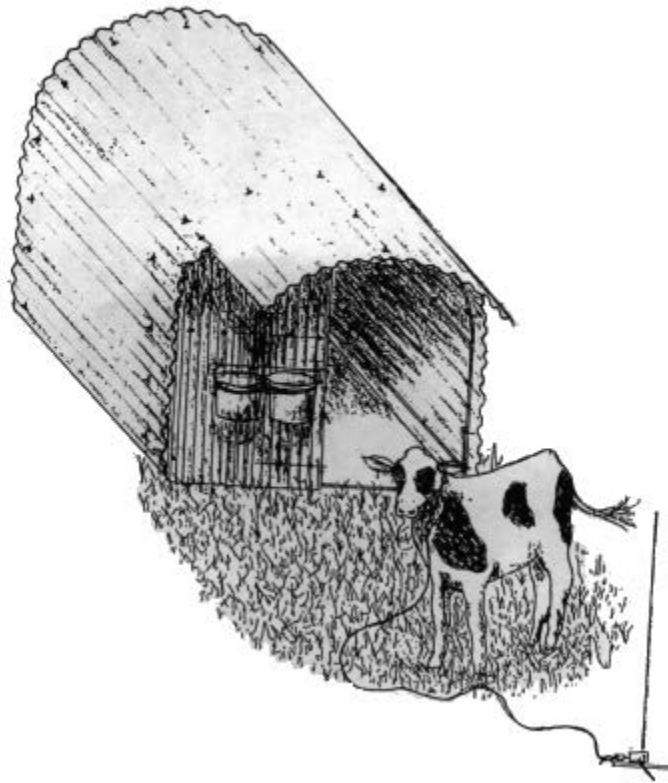


Figure 21. Calf tethered to post in front of calf hutch.

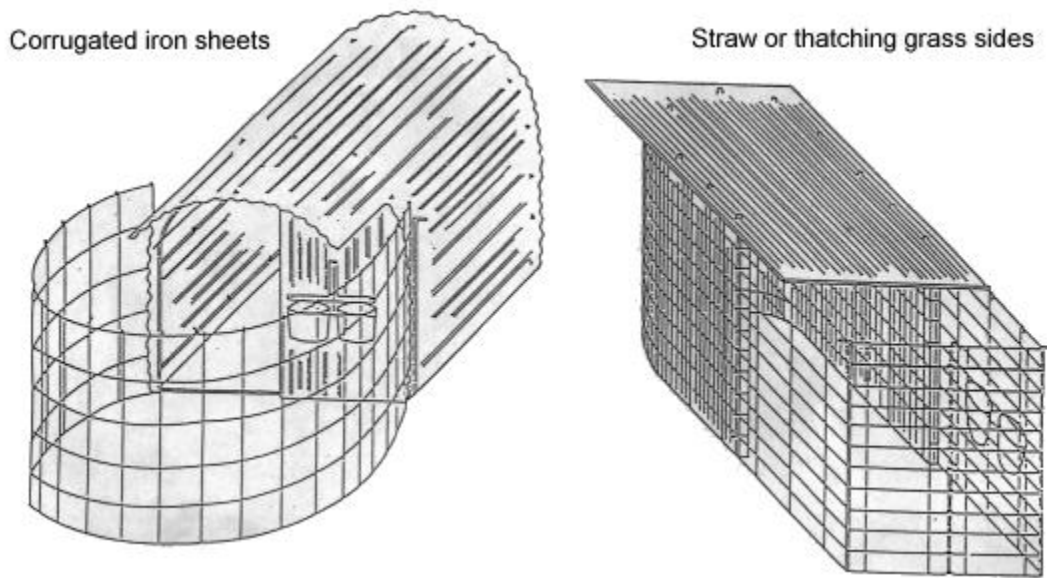


Figure 22. Calf hutches