

Costco Veal Policy

- Inhumane treatment of calves is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at any stage of the animal's life.
- Calves must never be tethered while in a stall.
- There must be a minimum of two calves per stall after 8-10 weeks of age. (This is dependent upon calf behavior and health issues that would require a calf be separated.)
- All stalls must be large enough to allow calves to freely turn around, lie down, and maintain normal postures.
- Calves must be inspected at least twice daily by the farmer or caregiver to ensure cleanliness of the animals as well as the stall.
- The farmer or caregiver will also ensure proper fresh air and ventilation at all times.
- Calf diets must consist of nutritious feed and fresh water.
- Veal barns are to receive, at a minimum, one annual third party humane handling audit per year. These audits are to be made available to Costco Wholesale.
- Veal barns are to be visited by a veterinarian at a minimum, once every grow-out cycle.
- Electric prods are never to be used.
- Non-ambulatory animals are never to be used in production.