

## *Winter Hutch Bedding Protocol*

1. Start with a clean disinfected hutch. Pressure wash, disinfect and let the hutch dry between every calf.
2. Place hutches on a clean, dry area; preferably a cement or gravel base.
3. Distribute a light layer of hydrated lime on the hutch base to disinfect and dry out the area
4. Start with a 3-4 inch layer of shavings / sawdust in the hutch to help absorb moisture.
5. Twelve inches of long straw is necessary for calves to nest in order to maintain their body temperature during cold weather.



Test the dryness of the hutch by kneeling in the bedding for 30 seconds. If your knee is wet or dirty the hutch needs more bedding. Calves may need to be bedded daily.



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