

Replacement Heifer Resting Area Space Requirements Per Animal

Age (months)	Weight (lb per hd)	Self-Cleaning Resting Area (sq feet per hd) ^a	Minimum Bedded Resting Area (sq ft per hd)	Slotted Floor (sq ft per hd)	Paved Outside Lot (sq ft per hd)
0-2 ^c	90-170	Do not use	32 (4x8 hutch with 4x6 ft outdoor run)	Do not use	Do not use
			28 (4x7 ft pen in barn)		
3-5 ^{c,d}	170-330	Do not use	28 ^b	Do not use	Do not use
6-8	330-500	10	25 ^b	12	35
9-12	500-710	12	28 ^b	13	40
13-15	710-860	15	32 ^b	17	45
16-23	860-1,240	18 ^c	40 ^b	25	50
Springing Heifer	1,270	Do not use	50 ^b	Do not use	50

Source: MWPS-7 Dairy Free-Stall Housing and Equipment

Resting space does not include walk alleys for animal movement to and from feeding areas. Group pens for calves are usually fully bedded to provide as much dry resting space as possible.

^a 8% slope (1 in per ft)

^b Assumes access to 10 ft wide scraped feed alley or paved outside lot

^c House separately from older animals

^d Groups up to six head in pens or super calf hutch

^e Provide proper treatment for concentrated runoff



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