

Calf housing & heat stress

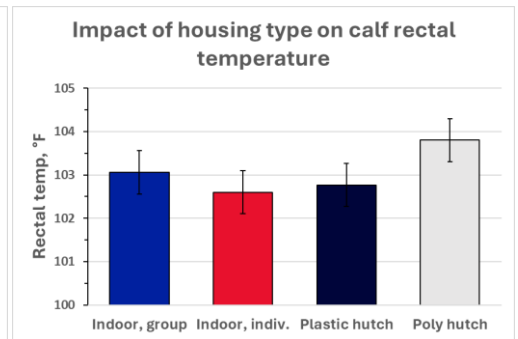
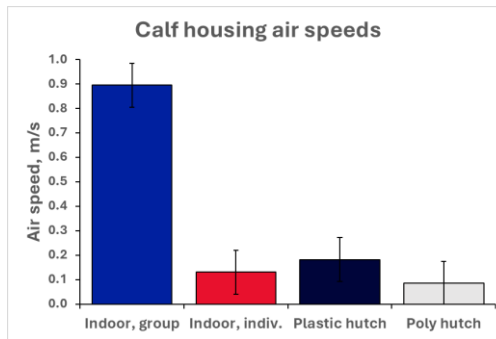
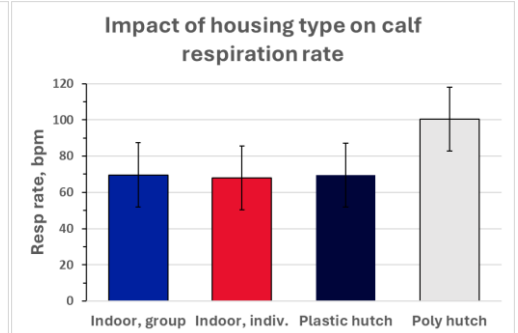
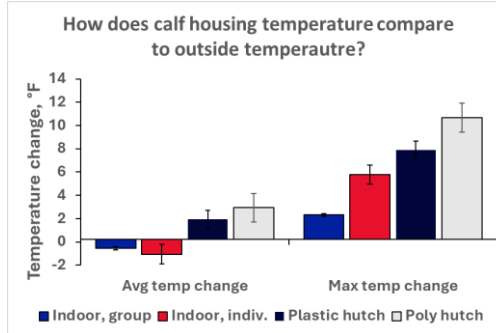
What's the optimal set up to keep calves cool?



Housing type (indoor: group/individual vs. outdoor: plastic/poly)

Indoor housing improves the environment but not calf response.

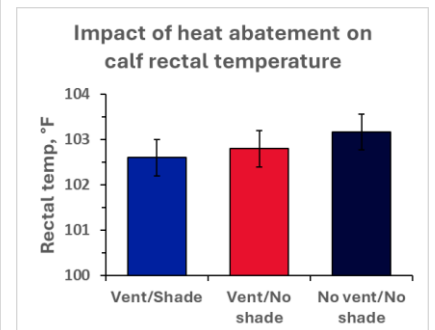
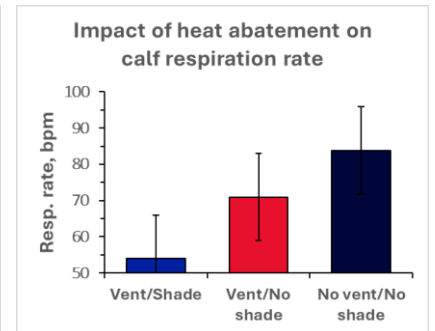
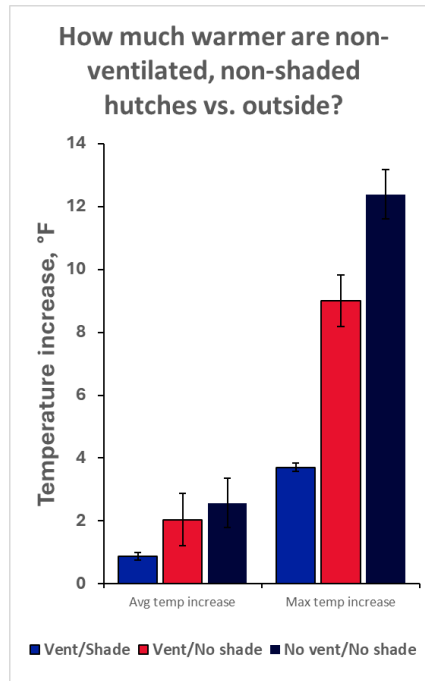
- ↓ hutch temperature and air speed.
- Translucent poly hutches performed sub-optimally.
- ↓ hutch temperature
- ↓ calf respiration rates and rectal temperature



Calf hutch heat abatement strategy (shade, ventilation, or none)

Offering shade *and* ventilation sets the calf up for success.

- ↓ hutch temperature
- ↓ calf respiration rates
- ↓ calf rectal temperature



How do your calves handle the heat? Contact your calf specialist to schedule a heat stress audit of your calf housing facilities.