

## **Cow Down or Weak**

### **Unable to rise**

Temperature normal or below 101.0 and fresh less than 1 week and not a first calf heifer:

#### **Protocol MF:**

##### **Milk fever**

1. Complete physical exam to evaluate for injury, mastitis, diarrhea, etc.
2. One bottle Cal Dextro #2 **or** Cal Phos **or** 23% Calcium Gluconate in vein **given slowly at a rate of 1 bottle in 10 minutes.**
3. One bottle 23% Calcium Gluconate under skin or 1 tube Crystal Clear Calcium in mouth – repeat in 2 hours.
4. Maintain cow sitting up and on good footing – preferably a bedded pack.
5. If no response 4 hours, call vet.

### **Cow Down or Weak**

#### **Protocol DC:**

##### **First calf heifer or cow not recently fresh. Temperature normal**

1. Complete physical exam.  
1.5cc Flunixin per 100 lbs body weight in vein and repeat in 24 hours.
2. Maintain cow in upright position and move to bedded pack.
3. If in 2nd or later lactation; give bottle of 23% calcium under skin or calcium tube orally.
4. If no improvement in 12 hours, call vet.
5. Treat appropriately for other conditions. i.e. Mastitis, diarrhea, Ketosis.
6. If fever also give Excenel (Naxcel) 2 cc per 100 lb body weight once a day for 4 days.