

Calf Survival

“Prevention consists of keeping the animals, especially newborns, warm and dry. Windbreaks must be provided to counteract the effects of the wind chill. Bedding also is essential. It has two functions: It insulates the animal from the snow and ice underneath the body, which prevents hypothermia and frostbite, and lowers the animal’s nutritional requirements. Bedding allows the animal to ‘snuggle’ into it and lowers the body surface area exposed to the wind.”

Charlie Stoltenow, NDSU Extension Service Veterinarian