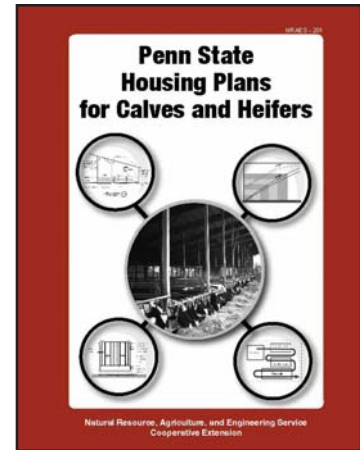




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Penn State Housing Plans for Calves and Heifers provides more than 74 specific plans for calf and heifer housing with the aim of increasing the comfort, productivity and longevity of dairy cattle. The plans show all dimensions except the dimensions of load bearing components. These must be sized based on local conditions.

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The 274 page, coil-bound *Penn State Housing Plans for Calves and Heifers*, is published by NRAES and is available through Midwest Plan Service for \$35 plus shipping and handling. There are several other dairy-related resources available from Midwest Plan Service. For more information or to order, go to www.mwps.org, email mwps@iastate.edu, or call **800-562-3618**.

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