



	<b>Veal Crates</b>	<b>Calf Huts</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Veal Production	Dairy Production (replacement cows)
<b>Status</b>	Banned (1990 in the UK, 2006 in the EU)	Regulated (UK 'Statutory Management Requirements' (SMRs); 11, Welfare of calves. Guernsey; GUIDANCE FOR THE WELFARE OF CALVES)
<b>Image</b>	 A photograph showing a calf's head and neck confined within a narrow wooden crate. The crate is made of dark wood and has a metal bar across the front. The calf is looking out from the crate. A watermark 'farmsanctuary.org' is visible at the bottom right of the image.	 A photograph showing several white, tent-like calf huts in a grassy field. Each hut has a wire mesh door and a small window. Cows are visible inside the huts. The background shows a green field and trees under a clear sky.
<b>Position</b>	Indoors	Indoors or outdoors
<b>Arrangement</b>	Narrow individual crates	Hut and pen, individual or multiple occupancy
<b>Gender</b>	Mainly male	Female
<b>Procedures</b>	Not castrated or disbudded	Usually disbudded
<b>Environmental Protection</b>	Indoors	If outdoors and temperatures are below 15°C will have a coat
<b>Company</b>	Kept individually	Can only be kept individually until 8wo
<b>Progress</b>	Remain in crates all their lives	Move into groups from 12wo in straw yards or pasture depending on the time of the year
<b>Movement</b>	Highly restricted	Must be able to turn around without difficulty. Specific area allowances for individual calf weight limits
<b>Flooring</b>	Slats of concrete	Concrete, earth or pasture
<b>Bedding</b>	None	Hay or Straw
<b>Diet</b>	Deficient in Iron	Balanced nutrition for health and vigour
<b>Fibre</b>	No access to fibre	Must have access to fibre from 14do to allow the development of the digestive tract
<b>Contact</b>	Audible and possibly visual	Audible, Visual and Tactile
<b>Meat</b>	Pale	Red (not reared primarily for consumption)
<b>Life expectancy</b>	6mo	Adult

**Note**

Humanely reared Freedom Food-labelled British veal is widely available. Under the Freedom Food scheme, calves are inspected to detailed higher welfare standards which are set and monitored by the RSPCA. The calves live in small groups, with deep straw bedding, have access to fibre, and are provided with a diet that keeps them in full health and vigour.