Dairy Euthanasia Decision Guide

A dairy euthanasia decision guide for farm owners and workers to review when and how to make humane decisions, with a reminder to follow veterinary guidance.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Assess the cow's condition honestly
2. Check for treatment options with the veterinarian
3. Consider welfare and pain
4. Decide who has authority to act
5. Choose an approved method with the veterinarian
6. Prepare a quiet location
7. Confirm death afterward
8. Plan carcass handling
9. Record the event and reason

YOUR NOTES

TIP Work out your plan with your veterinarian in advance so decisions are made calmly and correctly.