

NORMAL PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS FOR RESTING TROPICAL FARM ANIMALS

Sheep

- Heart rate: 60 – 120 beats per minute
- Respiratory rate: 20 – 40 breaths per minute
- Rectal temperature: 39.0 +/- 0.5 °C (101.3 – 103.1 °F)
- Rumen contractions: 2 – 3 in two minutes

Cattle

- Heart rate: 50 – 80 beats per minute
- Respiratory rate: 20 – 30 breaths per minute
- Rectal temperature:
 - Dairy cattle: 38.6 +/- 0.5 °C (100.6 – 102.4 °F)
 - Beef cattle: 38.1 +/- 0.5 °C (99.7 – 101.5 °F)
- Rumen contractions: 2 – 3 in two minutes

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