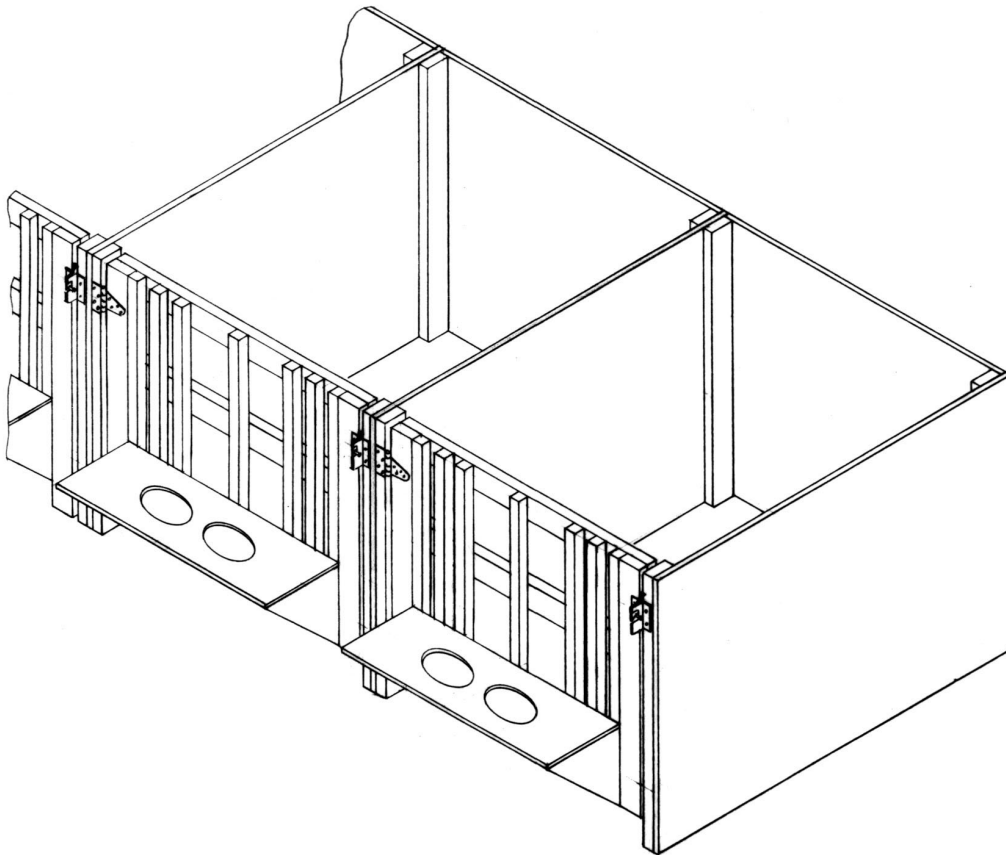


INDIVIDUAL FLOOR LEVEL BEDDED BOX STALL



The most common type of individual stall used in small calf-raising operations is the floor-level bedded stall. Calves usually are not tied in these stalls. Although earth floors may be used, hard-surfaced floors are preferred for reasons of ease of cleaning and lower labor requirements. In all stalls, sufficient dry bedding must be maintained within the stall to absorb the liquid wastes and keep the calf's bed dry.

Many sizes and types of bedded floor-level stalls have been used. They vary in size between 15 and 25 square feet per calf, with an optimum being 20. (4' x 5') The partitions between adjacent individual stalls should be

solid to prevent calves from sucking each other and, in cold barns, at least three and preferably all four sides should be solid to prevent drafts.

Also to prevent sucking, the walls between pens should be at least 40 inches high.

Soiled bedding should be removed from the pens and fresh bedding added as often as necessary to maintain a clean, dry bed. Cleaning these calf stalls is a manual job, but can be made easier in a properly designed calf house with convenient cleaning alleys and conveniently located bedding storage.

