

FIGURE 1

The feeder's role



Cows



Herdsman



Owner



Nutritionist

Things to Communicate:

- Odd cow behavior (e.g. licking salt blocks more, eating at a particular end of the bunk)
- Sorting behavior
- Feed refusals
- Others?

- Cow moves in or out of pen
- Times when feed needs to be delivered (e.g. when cows come back from being milked)
- Times when it's a hassle to have feed delivered (e.g. when cows move across the feed alley)
- Issues in the bunk (e.g. frozen feed, moldy feed, improper mix)
- Others?

- Grain inventory
- Forage inventory
- Problems with either
- Problems with equipment
- Safety concerns
- Ordering needs
- Others?

- Length of chop of hay or straw
- Mixing issues
- Grain flow issues
- Odd cow behavior
- Refusal rates
- Eating behavior
- Empty bunks & time periods