

SOP 8 – COLOSTRUM MANAGEMENT & CALF FEEDING

Purpose: Contains enough information to ensure that someone feeding calves would feed them enough to maintain their health, growth and vigour

▪ Feed newborn calves at least 4 litres (for a 100lb calf) of good quality colostrum within 12 hours of birth, with the first meal occurring as soon as possible, and no more than 6 hours after birth

▪ Feed calves a volume of quality milk or milk replacer to maintain health, growth and vigour— L per feeding, feedings per day

○ Increase volume of milk fed during cold stress (less than 10°C) by about **25%** (e.g. 8L/day increases to 10L/day)

▪ Make fresh water available to unweaned calves _____
(How often? How much? What age?)

▪ Replace grain _____
(How often? How much? What age?)

▪ Refrigerate excess colostrum from first milking for use in future – be sure to mark which cow it came from

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Need help tailoring this SOP?



- How many days after birth do you feed colostrum?
- When do you start providing hay and/or grain to calves?
- How much water do you give calves in the summer?
- What is your process for washing bottles or milk buckets?

