



Life Start 1-phase feeding programme for dairy calves

Bucket feeding

(Target: optimal growth with 1 mixing ration from start to weaning)

Age	Colostrum	Colostrum phase	
day 1	6 L	First feeding ad libitum; at least 3 litres	
day 2	3 x 1.5 L	Colostrum	
day 3	3 x 1.5 L	Colostrum (+water)	
Age	Sprayfo per day	Mixing ratio Sprayfo + water	Other feed components (+ ad libitum water)
day 4-5	3 x 1.5 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed
day 6-7	3 x 1.7 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed
week 2	3 x 2 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed
week 3	2 x 3.5 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed + roughage
week 4	2 x 3.5 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed + roughage
week 5	2 x 3.5 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed + roughage
week 6	2 x 3.5 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed + roughage
week 7	2 x 3 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed + roughage
week 8	2 x 2 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed + roughage
week 9	1 x 2 L	1 kg + 7 L	+ starter feed + roughage

Colostrum phase

- Feed colostrum from first milking (at least 3 litres) within 3 hours after birth
- Feed warm (40°C) colostrum 3 times a day or feed ad lib in a teat bucket at room temperature
- Switch over from colostrum to Sprayfo at day 4 (see feeding programme)

Preparation of Sprayfo

- Take half of the required amount of warm (45 à 50°C) water
- Stir the water with a whisk and add Sprayfo; stir until the Sprayfo is completely dissolved
- Add up the rest of the water to a final temperature of $\pm 42^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Feed Sprayfo to your calves at a temperature of $\pm 40^{\circ}\text{C}$

Weaning moment

- Wean at the age of at least 8-9 weeks
- Intake of starter feed needs to be more than 1.5 kg a day
- Calves need to be healthy and well developed

