

HIGH PERFORMANCE CALF RAISING GUIDELINES



	Week 1-2	Week 3-7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10-11	Week 12
Colostrum	Day 1	Feed 4 quarts of high quality colostrum (>200 IgG) within 2-6 hours of birth. Feed another 4 quarts colostrum 12 hours later.				
Milk Replacer	Day 2 - 63	See chart below.				
Water	Day 2, Onward	Offer free choice fresh, clean water at all times				
Starter	Day 2 - Week 11	Offer free choice starter grain, beginning with small amounts. Calf should be eating 3-4 lbs starter/day at weaning at 60 days. Feed up to 7 lbs/day.				
Hay	Day 70, Onward	7 days after weaning, introduce free choice hay, starting with a handful. Can be fed free choice by 12 weeks.				
Heifer Pellet	Week 12- Calving	At 12 weeks, transition gradually from calf starter to an equal amount of heifer grower pellet, increasing amounts daily. Feed up to 6-8 lbs daily.				

MILK REPLACER FEEDING SCHEDULE

	Week 1-2 (Day 2-14)	Week 3-7 (Day 15-49)	Week 8 (Day 50-56)	Week 9 (Day 57-63)
Feedings per day	2x	2x	2x	1x
Finished Milk Volume Per feeding	3 qts	4 qts	2 qts	2 qts
Milk replacer powder per feeding	2 ½ cups (0.8 lbs)	3 ⅓ cups (1.1 lbs)	1 ⅔ cups (0.6 lbs)	⅝ cup (0.3 lbs)

For best results, weigh powder. Cup measurements are approximate.

This feeding schedule uses 110 lbs of milk replacer powder per calf. Best for farms feeding multiple calves.

MILK REPLACER MIXING

1. Take half the required amount of water at 120-130° F.
2. Add the milk replacer powder. Whisk thoroughly for 1 minute.
3. Add remaining water to required amount of mixed milk.
4. Feed at 105-107°F.