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Information Sheet - "The Rules of Calf Raising"



Calving management

- Remove calf from dam immediately to prevent disease contamination.
- Ensure that calving takes place in a clean dry area free from excessive manure and mud.

Colostrum management

- Clean udder and milk cow as soon as possible after she calves.
- Thick, greasy, yellow colostrum usually indicates high quality.
- Feed 2 litres of colostrum preferably within 3 hours of birth.

Naval management

- Dip or spray with iodine solution.

Medications and Health

- Consult veterinarian if scours are persistent or contain mucous or blood.
- Do not remove or reduce milk replacer if calves are scouring.
- Provide electrolytes between feedings or a suitable anti scour treatment that can be fed in whole milk or milk replacer.

Calf Records.

- Birth date and details.
- Treatments for scours, vaccinations and medications to be recorded.

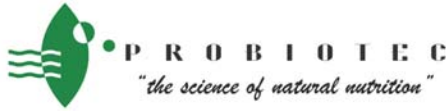
Calf Observation.

- Clear, bright eyes, energetic and alert animal.
- Erect ears.
- Manure colour and consistency normal.

Housing.

- Free from draughts. Clean, well bedded and dry.
- Group animals based on similar age and size.
- Newly purchased calves separated from existing calves.
- New calves uphill and upwind from older animals to reduce disease.

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Preparation area.

- All feeding equipment to be clean and sanitized. Dry prior to use.
- Follow manufacturers directions for mixing and feeding of milk replacer.

Feeding.

- Feed at constant time and temperature.
- Make changes to quantity and quality gradually.
- Do not over feed.

Water.

- Clean fresh water available at all times.

Supplementary Feeds.

- Clean fresh pellets or other concentrates available at all times.
- Pellets or concentrates should contain fibre.
- Old feed to be replaced daily for young calves. Old feed fed to more mature animals.

Weaning and post weaning management.

- Wean calves when they are consuming 1 kg of concentrates per day for four (4) consecutive days.
- Wean abruptly or using the "reduction technique".
- Do not change feeds or wean at the same time as housing changes.
- Group animals based on similar age and size.

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