ProviCo RURAL
Feeding Tomorrow Today Since 1999

CALF MILK REPLACER

Feeding Instructions

COLOSTRUM
DAY 1

Feed Fresh, High-Quality Colostrum in first 6hrs of Birth*

FEEDING GUIDELINE

Age	Grams per litre	Volume Per Feed (two feeds a day)	Daily Dry Matter Intake (grams)
2-10 Days	125g/L	2.0L	500g
11-16 Days		2.5L	625g
17+ Days		3.0L	750g

PERFORMANCE FEEDING GUIDELINE

Age	Grams per litre	Volume Per Feed (two feeds a day)	Daily Dry Matter Intake (grams)
2-10 Days	130g/L	2.0L	520g
11-16 Days	150g/L	2.0L	600g
17+ Days	150g/L	3.0L	900g

! **Once a Day Feeding Not Recommended – Contact a ProviCo Rearing Specialist for Feeding Program Advice.**

* Colostrum Management

ProviCo Rural recommends calves receive at least 200g of IgG in the first 6 hours of life. This can be achieved by feeding fresh colostrum with a minimum 22% brix reading (typically 2-4L at first feed dependant on calf size). Adequate passive transfer of antibodies can be validated by testing the blood serum protein level 48 hours post birth (>5.7g/dL). Colostrum management is critical to the health and future productivity of calves.

Weaning

In order to maximise a calf's uptake of starter, the correct weaning approach needs to be implemented. ProviCo Rural recommends a step-down program that maximises availability of milk solids in early weeks and promotes strong uptake of starter as their ruminant characteristics develop. Calves should be consuming a minimum of 1.5-2kg or starter at time of weaning.

Contact your local ProviCo Rural Rearing Specialist to discuss colostrum management, milk feeding programs and weaning.