

## **Calf Milk Replacer Feeding Guidelines**

***The following are guidelines only, use common sense. If you are unsure whether this feed is suitable for your intended use or of the quantities to use please get advice from the retailer, vet or an informed source before use.***

Mix powder prior to feeding, not the day or evening before, as settling can occur.

To maintain the product, the packaging should be folded down or zip locked to preserve freshness.

Keep in a cool, dry place – out of direct sunlight.

Mix powder in warm water, not hot, as this can cause an adverse affect on the product. 38-40 degrees is best, no more than 45 degrees - Use a thermometer if unsure. Warm milk, as opposed to cold milk, is desirable, as calf energy will not be wasted heating cold milk to blood temperature.

Always use clean, fresh water.

All utensils and equipment used in preparation and feeding must be kept clean.

Disinfect equipment regularly and especially when disease is present. Never use an acid based cleaner.

All feed changes should be carried out gradually, as sudden changes can result in calf scour issues.

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## **Feeding Systems – using Premium CMR**

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### Twice a day system

Age                                      Volume per day (125g per litre)

0-4 days	Colostrum fed ad-lib
5-10 days	4 litres in 2 feeds
11-24 days	5 litres in 2 feeds
25 days to wean	6 litres in 2 feeds

As a guide, at least 8 hours should elapse between feeds.

Mixing Rate – 125 grams per litre.

### Once a day system

<u>Age</u>	<u>Volume per day</u>
0-4 days	Colostrum fed ad-lib
5-10 days	250-300 grams to 2 litres of water
11-18 days	425-450 grams to 2 litres of water
19 days to wean	600 grams to 2 litres of water

Once a day feeding works by restricting the volume intake of milk but by feeding at higher concentrations, calves still receive their daily mineral and nutrient requirement.

Please note on once a day feeding concentration increases, however volume remains constant.

It is critical when feeding on the higher concentrations that the calves receive the correct volume – i.e. 2 litres only per calf per feed. To ensure this compartment feeders and vigilance are required.