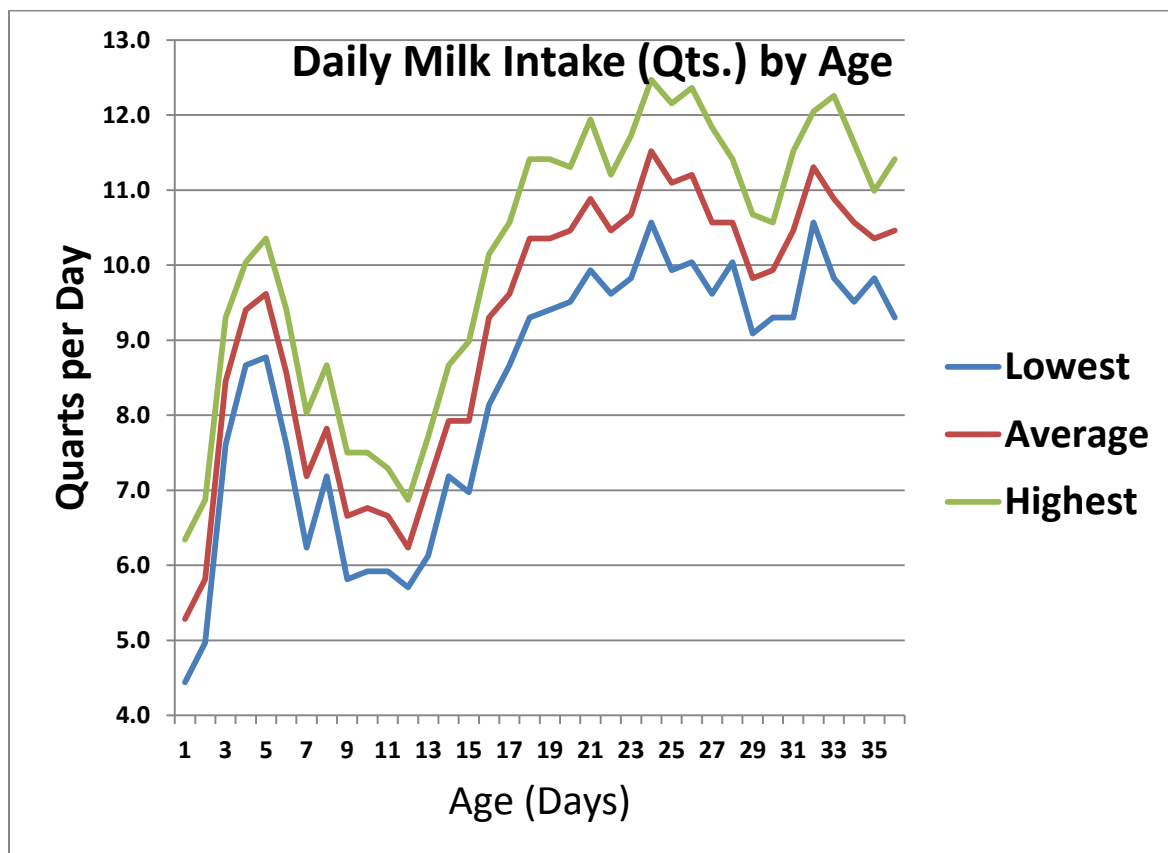
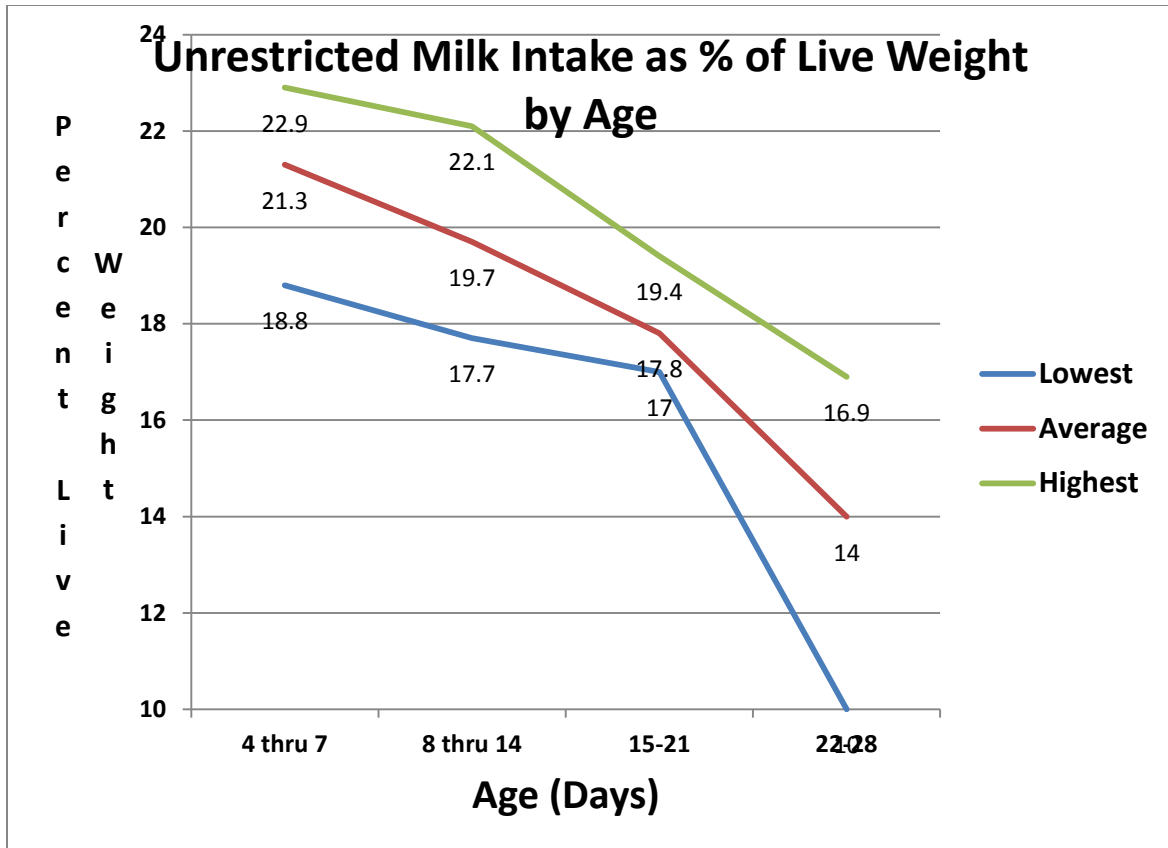


How Much Milk Will Calves Drink?

- When milk intake is not restricted expect calves to drink large amounts of milk.
- Expect large variations among calves in milk consumption.
- Expect significant changes in levels of milk intake from week-to-week.
- In environments with significant parasite exposure, appetites tend to be depressed during infections.
- Expressed as a percentage of live weight, milk consumption tends to go down as dairy heifer calves with free-choice milk, water and concentrate get past about three weeks of age.





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