

ACCELERATED AND CONVENTIONAL FEEDING PROGRAMS COMPARED

Characteristic	Accelerated Feeding	Conventional Feeding
Average daily live body weight gain (49 days)	725-850g	350-600g
Normal appearance of manure	Lighter, looser	Darker, more firm
Milk replacer protein level	Higher, 24-28%	Lower, 18-22%
Milk replacer oil level(winter)	18-20%	18-20% common
Milk replacer oil level(summer)	15%	18-20% common
M.R. mixing rate	150g/l	100g/l usually
Waste milk	Pasteurized only	Pasteurized preferred
Amount M.R. fed		
2-10 days	2-2.5 litres 2X	2 litres 2X
11-20 days	2.5-3 litres 2X	2 litres 2X
21-28 days	3-4 or more litres 2X	2 litres 2X
28- start weaning	4 litres 1X	2 litres 2X
Weaning	By concentrate intake	By age
Ad lib water	Essential, daily	Preferred
Concentrate, ad lib	Essential	Preferred
Concentrate, fresh daily	Essential for small calves Desirable for all calves	Preferred Preferred, not common

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Concentrate, protein level	20% common	16-18% common
Equipment cleanliness	Very good to excellent	Average
Colostrum management	Very good to excellent	Average

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