Donna M. Amaral-Phillips, University of Kentucky, in the August 2013 issue of the Kentucky Dairy Notes newsletter presented these data.

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- Water and calf starter fed starting at 3 days of age: Water intake improves growth rates of calves pre-weaning and decreases the incidence of scours. As shown in the figure, young calves drink approximately 32 ounces of water daily (equal to a 1 liter bottle of pop) at an early age. Those fed an accelerated milk feeding program may drink more water than those fed the lower or commonly used rate of milk or milk replacer.