

[WI 3.2] Rearing Replacements

Calf age	Feeding regime and management
1 to 4 days	Colostrum - 2 litres 2 x a day
4 to 7 days	Meal + hay + Wholemilk - 2.5 litres 2 x a day
1 to 4 weeks	Meal + hay + Wholemilk – 3 litres 2 x a day
4 to 8 weeks	Pasture +Meal + hay + Wholemilk – 4 Litres, 1 x a day Disbudding at ~ 4 weeks if possible. Youngest age 21 days B12 and 5in1 vaccinations at 4 weeks Worm Drenching at 6 weeks
8 to 10 weeks	Pasture +Meal + hay + Wholemilk – 4 Litres, 1 x a day B12 and 5in1 vaccinations at 8-10 weeks
10 to 12 weeks	Pasture +Meal + hay + Wholemilk – 3 Litres, 1 x a day
From 12 Weeks on	Pasture Ongoing drenching every 3 weeks/ at vet's recommendation
Date	Calves go to grazing until return at 2 years of age Progress of stock off the property is to be checked by Sharemilker

- Calves are picked up daily. Their navel is treated with spray iodine.
- Ensure new calves receive fresh warm colostrum on arrival in the shed, and for 4 days. Replacement heifers are tube fed 2-2.5Litres first colostrum on coming to calf shed.
- Bull and bobby calves are kept in separate sheds to the heifer calves
- All feeding equipment is washed weekly and pens are sprayed daily with disinfectant. Ensure calves have fresh water and meal.
- Older calves may be fed Antibiotic milk. Bobby calves should never be fed milk which may contain antibiotics, as residues may be detected at the works.
- Sick calves are quarantined and are given electrolytes – 2L every 2 hours if possible. If no improvement, vet is called and appropriate treatment given.