

GAIN Calf Rearing Programme

- It is essential that the new born calf gets a good start in life.
- Colostrum

- Feed 2 litres of undiluted colostrum within 1 hour of birth.
- Feed another 2 litres of colostrum at 4 to 6 hours later.
- Feed colostrum for the first 4 days, at 10% of bodyweight.
- Feed cow wholemilk until 7 days of age, at 10% of bodyweight.
- The calf is solely reliant on colostrum to build immunity.
- Colostrum is critical to future animal health and performance.

Wholemilk / Calf Milk Replacer

- Feed wholemilk / calf milk replacer from 7 days of age onwards.
- Feed milk at 10% of bodyweight, split into 2 equal feeds.
- A 45 kg calf will get 4.5 litres per day with 2.25 litres per feed twice daily.
- Introduce GAIN Startacalf at 7 days of age with roughage and water.
- Introduce GAIN Goldgrain Calf Nuts once the calf is eating 0.5 kg of feed.
- Wean at day 56, when the calf is eating 1 kg of GAIN Goldgrain Calf Nuts.

Benefits of GAIN Calf Milk Replacers

- Better calf performance, from consistent nutrition.
- Earlier weaning, calves eat concentrate earlier.
- Less scour, calf milk replacers are acidified to improve digestion.
- Improves disease resistance and reduces disease risk.
- Economical, more milk is available for sale.
- Labour saving, calves can be fed at a time that suits.

GAIN Calf Milk Replacers

- GAIN Easi Mix is a 23% protein high specification calf milk replacer.
- GAIN Powerstart is a 20% protein high specification calf milk replacer.
- GAIN Easi Mix and GAIN Powerstart are high quality and whey based.
- Gain Shine is a 20% protein high specification calf milk replacer.
- GAIN Shine Once a Day is a 20% protein high specification calf milk replacer.
- GAIN Shine and GAIN Shine Once a Day are high quality and skim based.

Feeding Calf Milk Replacer

- Mixing 500 grams and adding 3.5 litres of water will give 12.5% milk solids.
- Mixing 500 grams and adding 4.5 litres of water will give 10% milk solids.
- Feed Shine Once a Day at 20% milk solids.
- Mixing 200 grams and adding 0.8 of a litre of water will give 20% milk solids.

- Detailed feeding instructions are outlined on the calf milk replacer bag.
- Provide clean fresh water and roughage at all times.