

YOUNGSTOCK NUTRITION

A course for Vets + Allied Professionals

As we all know, nutrition is key to helping prevent many diseases, increase growth rates and manage financial efficiency; and calf nutrition is no different whether that be colostrum, milk powder, concentrate or fibre, and of course not forgetting water. Milk powders can be a minefield to start. However, with a few key steps the milk labels will soon mean so much more to you, and give you the confidence to start conversations with the farmer. Water is an important aspect of calf nutrition, not just linked to rehydration but also its impact on how it can limit concentrate intakes. Weaning is often a difficult time on farm and we will discuss the pros and cons of different systems, whether that be bucket or machine based and use some problem solving learning to create some solutions. In the afternoon, we will visit a newly built group-housed shed on machines where we will see how the machines work and some easy ways to assess mixability of powders.

A ONE-DAY PRACTICAL COURSE WITH SMALL GROUPS

- ✓ Colostrum is about more than just antibodies; how these can be affected by drying or pasteurizing
- ✓ Learn about and understand metabolic programming, and how it affects farm finances
- ✓ Learn how to monitor consistency of feeding, and how to engage the farmer
- ✓ A practical, using milk machines, discussing their pros and cons and how they affect housing design
- ✓ Weaning tips to ensure a smooth transition.

COURSE CONTENT

14.00-15.30

10.00-11.00 Getting the calf off to the right start

11.00-12.00 What does a milk label tell us, and what it doesn't

12.00-13.00 Calves need more than just milk

13.00-14.00 Lunch

13.30-14.30 Colostrum: "Liquid Gold"

On-farm practical - mixing milks and getting to use milk machines

15.30-16.00 Finish up, ensuring all personal goals have been meet

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