

# REARING HEALTHY CALVES FOR THE HIGHEST MILK PRODUCTION



**Rearing a calf is investing in your herd's future. To make your calf a highly productive cow, you need to provide it with the best possible nutrition. Koudijs' nutritional products and advice support you in creating strong and vital calves which are ready for a long-lasting and highly productive life.**

## BENEFITS

- Improved calf health
- Lower rearing costs
- Healthy, well-developed cows
- Reduced age at first calving
- Higher lifetime milk production

The nutritional instructions in table 1 summarize the key nutritional needs from birth up to calving. The first phase is crucial to calf health and growth in future. Good colostrum management can help to ensure your calf makes a healthy start to life. Providing sufficient high-quality colostrum boosts immunity and reduces the risk of diarrhoea. During the first three days provide the calf with colostrum from its own mother. Provide at least two litres of colostrum as soon as possible after birth, as antibodies from the colostrum are absorbed best just after birth.

AFTER BIRTH	FEED
1-3 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- At least 4 liter colostrum per day.</li><li>- 2liter colostrum directly after calving</li></ul>
>12 Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Calf milk replacer as per CMR feeding instruction table 2.</li><li>- Ad libitum water and calf feed</li><li>- Offer hay and/or straw starting week 2</li><li>- Ensure a minimum of 1.5 kg calf feed intake at weaning</li></ul>
> 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A d libitum water and good quality hay or straw</li><li>- 3kg calf feed per day. Increase if body condition is poor.</li></ul>
6 months till calving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Heifer feed, 3 kg per day. Increase if body condition is poor.</li></ul>

Table 1: Calf nutrition instructions from birth up to calving

Calf feed can be prepared through mixing Koudijs dairy concentrate according to the calf feed mixing instructions. These calf feed mixing instructions can be found on our website: [www.koudijs.ug](http://www.koudijs.ug).

## HOW TO USE THE KOUDIJS CALF MILK REPLACER?

As mentioned in the calf nutrition instructions, you can switch to Koudijs Calf Milk Replacer at day four. To know how much CMR solution to feed to your calves please follow the guidelines for your calves as shown in the calf milk replacer feeding instruction.



AFTER BIRTH	CMR SOLUTION IN LITRES/ CALF
Day 1-3	Colostrum
Days 4-7	4
Week 2	5
Week 3	5.5
Week 4	6
Week 5	6
Week 6	6
Week 7	6
Week 8	5
Week 9	4
Week 10	3
Week 11	3
Week 12	3

Table 2: Calf Milk Replacer Feeding instruction

### EACH FARM IS UNIQUE

Every farm has its own goals, challenges and raw materials. Koudijs Uganda ensures high quality CMR and dairy concentrates are available in shops across the country.

**Please talk to our farm advisors for more information and advice.**

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