

SUCCESS FOR GARDNER'S FARM ON TRANSFORMULA

ANOTHER INNOVATION FROM BONANZA CALF NUTRITION

Ashton Hawker of Gardners Farm, Hullavington, Chippenham has long been a supporter of the Shine system to rear his calves.

Before launching TRANSFORMULA we asked Ashton if he would try it.

Roz Goss (Ashton's sister) looks after the calf rearing enterprise on the farm and initially didn't really think it was necessary as she lost very few calves.

Roz says "my aim is zero mortality, out of 400 calves reared last year I lost 2"

However some calves would scour and Roz knew that there was a small Rotavirus problem in the herd.

8 Calves were given 4 litres of Colostrum within 6 hours of birth, followed by Colostrum / Transition milk for the next 3 days followed by 350 grams of Transformula x twice daily for the next 7 days. The calves then went back on to the SHINE SYSTEM as normal.

Roz experienced no scours from these calves so she arranged to buy some more Transformula from local merchant Nutrimin (Wayne Smith) and tried some more calves, including some heifers calves.

Roz said "again scour was very limited and of those who did go loose, recovery was much quicker"

Roz weans calves around 56 days (8 weeks) with a target of doubling birth weights in that time.

Stuart Fry of Bonanza Calf Nutrition says "Roz's attention to detail is superb especially in relation to Colostrum management, however any reduction in scours helps calves to achieve targets and reduces the workload on Roz and her staff, if Transformula can reduce mortality from its already low point of 1/2% to 1/4% that is a plus."

Heifers on Gardners Farm are targeted to calve at 2 years of age and need a good healthy start.



Pictured; Wayne Smith and Roz Goss of Gardners farm

Transformula

is the
ONLY Baby milk
for **Baby Calves**

because Transformula
is made to replace transition milk*

*2nd to 6th milking post calving (higher in milk solids and antibodies than standard cow's milk)



Feed Transformula for 7 days before changing on to milk replacer or pasteurised cow's milk

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