



## BONANZA CALF REARING SURVEY 2011 ENGLAND & WALES

### 1. Thinking of administering colostrum to calves, which of the following best describes your current practice? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER (200)	5,000 to 7,499 litres (73)	7,500 to 9,999 litres (110)	10,000 + (17)	60 to 99 cows (60)	100 to 199 (79)	200 to 299 (34)	300+ (27)
<b>All</b>								
A stomach tube is used to feed colostrum to all calves.	14%	12%	15%	6%	5%	11%	18%	33%
A stomach tube is used to feed colostrum to any calf not seen drinking.	51%	44%	55%	47%	52%	48%	56%	48%
Rarely or never use a stomach tube to feed calves.	36%	44%	29%	47%	43%	41%	26%	19%
<b>Column Total.</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### 2. How much colostrum would you normally feed in the first 24 hours? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER (200)	5,000 to 7,499 litres (73)	7,500 to 9,999 litres (110)	10,000 + (17)	60 to 99 cows (60)	100 to 199 (79)	200 to 299 (34)	300+ (27)
<b>All</b>								
1 litre	2%	1%	2%	6%	2%	1%	3%	4%
2 litre	10%	12%	7%	18%	7%	10%	18%	7%
3 litre	18%	10%	25%	6%	18%	16%	24%	11%
4 litre	17%	18%	17%	12%	18%	16%	18%	15%
6 litre	14%	7%	18%	12%	10%	15%	15%	15%
5 litre	10%	8%	10%	18%	10%	9%	9%	15%
8 litre	1%	0%	1%	6%	0%	1%	3%	0%
<b>How much the calf will take</b>	21%	27%	16%	24%	23%	24%	9%	22%
Other	8%	16%	4%	0%	12%	6%	3%	11%
<b>Column Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Mean average (litres)</b>	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.5

### 3. Which of the following do you mainly use for rearing calves? (any)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER (200)	5,000 to 7,499 litres (73)	7,500 to 9,999 litres (110)	10,000 + (17)	60 to 99 cows (60)	100 to 199 (79)	200 to 299 (34)	300+ (27)
<b>All</b>								
Cow's milk	69%	74%	66%	65%	80%	70%	65%	48%
Skim based milk replacer	30%	27%	31%	35%	23%	28%	29%	52%
Whey based milk replacer	6%	4%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	4%



#### 4. Which of the following do you use mainly use for calf feeding? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>
Buckets – twice a day	57%	56%	57%	53%	73%	58%	41%	33%
Teated feeder	33%	36%	31%	35%	23%	34%	41%	41%
Buckets – once a day	4%	5%	4%	0%	2%	4%	6%	7%*
Computerised feeder	4%	0%	5%	6%	0%	0%	9%	15%
Ad lib automatic feeder	3%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%	3%	4%
<b>Column Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 5. Would you consider once-a-day calf feeding? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>
No	78%	75%	76%	94%	82%	75%	82%	70%
Yes	14%	14%	15%	6%	13%	16%	9%	15%
Already feeding once a day	7%	8%	7%	0%	2%	8%	9%	15%*
Not stated	2%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Column Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 5.b [If no] Why is that?

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	All	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(155)</b>	<b>(55)</b>	<b>(84)</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>(49)</b>	<b>(59)</b>	<b>(28)</b>	<b>(19)</b>
Twice a day is better	20%	20%	21%	13%	22%	17%	21%	21%
Long time between feeds & they would be hungry	13%	9%	17%	6%	10%	17%	11%	11%
Not good for the calves	10%	9%	10%	13%	8%	10%	0%	26%
Want to keep an eye on them when feeding	10%	9%	10%	13%	10%	8%	11%	11%
Happy with the way things are	5%	4%	6%	0%	4%	3%	4%	11%
They need feeding twice a day	5%	4%	4%	13%	8%	3%	4%	0%
As they would get too much food all at once.	4%	2%	4%	13%	4%	5%	4%	0%
Once a day would not give them enough nourishment	4%	5%	2%	6%	8%	2%	4%	0%



6. For dry feeding calves, do you use coarse feed or pellets? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>
<b>Pellets</b>	51%	47%	52%	59%	38%	51%	59%	67%
<b>Coarse feed</b>	37%	40%	34%	41%	45%	35%	35%	22%
<b>Both / no preference</b>	11%	12%	12%	0%	15%	11%	6%	7%
<b>Not stated</b>	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%	0%	4%
<b>Column Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

7. What age do you normally wean most calves at? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>
<b>6 weeks</b>	13%	10%	14%	24%	12%	14%	12%	15%
<b>7 weeks</b>	18%	16%	21%	6%	7%	24%	24%	19%
<b>8 weeks</b>	33%	33%	30%	47%	35%	27%	35%	41%
<b>9 weeks</b>	9%	8%	9%	12%	12%	8%	12%	4%
<b>10 weeks</b>	11%	15%	7%	12%	8%	15%	9%	4%
<b>11 weeks</b>	2%	1%	3%	0%	3%	1%	3%	0%
<b>12 weeks</b>	13%	14%	15%	0%	23%	9%	6%	11%
<b>Not stated</b>	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	3%	0%	7%
<b>Column Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Mean average (weeks)</b>	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	8

8. Do you tend to wean when feed intake reaches a certain level or when they reach a particular weight and condition? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	All	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>
<b>Tend to wean according to weight and condition.</b>	51%	56%	45%	71%	55%	48%	50%	52%
<b>Tend to wean according to feed intake.</b>	35%	33%	37%	24%	33%	39%	38%	19%
<b>Other / not stated.</b>	15%	11%	18%	6%	12%	13%	12%	30%
<b>Column Total.</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



9. While calves are still on milk what is the main roughage offered? (one)

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>
Straw	57%	52%	60%	59%	53%	52%	65%	70%
Hay	36%	42%	34%	24%	37%	43%	35%	15%
Haylage	4%	3%	4%	6%	5%	3%	0%	7%
Not stated	4%	3%	3%	12%	5%	3%	0%	7%
<b>Column Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

10. Are your calves housed in.....

	Average Yield				Herd Size			
	NUMBER	5,000 to 7,499 litres	7,500 to 9,999 litres	10,000 +	60 to 99 cows	100 to 199	200 to 299	300+
<b>All</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>
Small group pens with fewer than ten calves	54%	62%	47%	59%	53%	54%	62%	41%
Housed in single pens	34%	29%	38%	24%	40%	35%	21%	30%
Larger group pens with more than ten calves	6%	4%	6%	6%	2%	0%	15%	19%
Calf hutches	5%	4%	5%	6%	3%	8%	3%	4%
Not stated	3%	1%	3%	6%	2%	3%	0%	7%
<b>Column Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>



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\*Question on once-a-day interpreted as bucket feeding only as second answer would suggest OAD usage is similar to computerised feeders.