

# **Colostrum Keys**

First feeding before **6** hours of birth **10**% of body weight **4** feedings in **24** hours



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#### The Four Phases of Feeding the Dairy Goat Kid

Learn the significance of each phase and how they can influence the health, development, and quality of the kids you raise. Comprehend management strategies that can positively affect your bottom line whe.

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### **Sanitation of Calf and Goat Feeding Equipment**

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RINSE	RINSE BOTTLES, NIPPLES, BUCKETS, FEEDERS, MIXING EQUIPMENT WITH COOL OR LUKEWARM WATER.			
WASH	WASH WITH HOT WATER AND A CHLORINATED ALKALINE DETERGENT (PH = 11 TO 12). PHYSICALLY SCRUB TO BREAK DOWN BIOFILMS. NOTE SOME DETERGENTS ARE LABELED FOR USE WITH 160°F WATER, WHICH IS TOO HOT FOR COMFORTABLE USE BY MOST PEOPLE. CHOOSE A DETERGENT LABELED FOR 140°F AND WHICH WILL WORK WITH THE HARDNESS OF YOUR WATER.			
RINSE	RINSE WITH LUKEWARM WATER.			
RINSE	RINSE WITH AN ACID SOLUTION (PH = 2 TO 3) AND WARM WATER (AROUND 100°F) TO REMOVE MINERAL BUILDUPS.			
RINSE	NSE RINSE AGAIN WITH LUKEWARM WATER.			
SANITIZE  JUST BEFORE USE, SANITIZE FEEDING EQUIPMENT. THE SANITIZER SHOULD NOT APPLIED MORE THAN 1 TO 2 HOURS BEFOR FEEDING EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED.				



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For bottle-feeding colostrum, proceeds as follows:

- 1) Weigh the newborn kid
- 2) Convert its weight into ounces. Calculate 10% of total body weight in ounces, divide that number by four feedings, and feed that amount of colostrum over a 24-hour period.

Example for a 5 lb kid

- -5 lb kid x 16 oz/lb = 80 oz
- -80 oz x 10% = 8.0 oz per day
- 8.0 oz into 4 feedings = 2.0 oz per feeding
- Us a baby bottle and wash it thoroughly between feedings.

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## **Feeding Milk**



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### **Rumen Function**



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Photos of Rumen Development

This series of photos illustrates the process of rumen development in dairy calves.

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### **Enterotoxemia**





Enterotoxemia (Overeating Disease) of Sheep and Goats - 8.018

Enterotoxemia is a frequently severe disease of sheep and goats of all ages. It is caused by tw...



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# Housing

Vaccinating Goats Against

Enterotoxemia and Tetanus: Is it...

It is generally advised that all goats be vaccinated against overeating disease (enterotoxemia) and...



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Housing Type	Doe resting(area/goat)	Buck resting(area/goat)	Young kid resting(area/kid)	Growing kid resting(area/kid)
Bedded pen/with lot	12 - 18 ft2	30 - 40 ft2	3 - 5.5 ft2	8 - 10 ft2
Dirt lot	25 - 40 ft2	100 ft2	15 - 20 ft2	20 - 30 ft2
Paved lot	16 ft2	50 ft2	5 ft2	10 ft2
Bedded pen - total confinement	20 - 25 ft2	50 ft2	8 - 10 ft2	8 - 10 ft2
Individual pen	6' x 6'	6' x 6'	4' x 4'	4' x 4'
Kidding pen(1 pen per 10 does)	5' x 5'	N/A	N/A	N/A

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