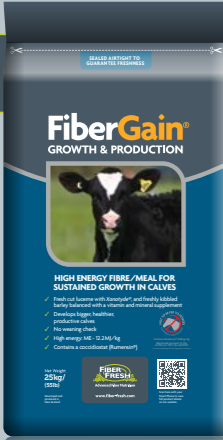


THE FIBER FRESH CALF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This table shows the approximate progression of both the Milk and *FiberGain*® supplements through the raising period based on a 7-week indoor program

	STAGE 1 – Early Rumen Function				STAGE 2 – Rumen Transition				STAGE 3 – Full Rumen Function	
	Milk reliant diet Early rumen function begins <i>FiberGain</i> ® consumption gradually increasing each week				Transition off milk Increased rumen function Significant increase in <i>FiberGain</i> ® consumption				Supplementary feeding until 11-12 weeks Fully functioning rumen Sustained growth with No weaning check	
Milk										
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9 – 12	
Milk Colostrum/ Whole Milk or Calf milk replacer (CMR)	Inside calf shed							Outside at pasture		
	4-5 litres per calf per day	4-5 litres per calf per day	4-5 litres per calf per day	4-5 litres per calf per day	4-5 litres per calf per day	4-5 litres per calf per day	4-5 litres per calf per day	No milk		
	Split into two equal daily feeds		Gradually reduce to one feed per day over 5 days	One feed per day			By the end of week 7 gradually wean off milk over 3 days			
The volume of milk fed and how soon the calves are put out to pasture will alter the feeding recommendations detailed below										
FiberGain ®										
	Calves only nibbling & experimenting	Progressively eating more	Daily consumption will begin to increase				Supplement grass with <i>FiberGain</i> ® adlib for the first 7 - 10 days		Continue to feed <i>FiberGain</i> ® only once weaned and out on grass until calves can support themselves on grass alone	
Feeding Recommendation	Remove any uneaten <i>FiberGain</i> ® each day to keep feed fresh		KEEP THE FEED FRESH Feed a small amount daily and blend with uneaten <i>FiberGain</i> ® TOP TIP: Aim for a handful of feed to be left over in the feed trough each day. If the feed trough is empty you need to put more <i>FiberGain</i> ® in the feed trough than the day before				By this stage the consumption per calf should be 2kg per day		Maintain a supplementary feeding rate of 2kg of <i>FiberGain</i> ® per calf per day Higher feeding rates may be fed for maximum weight gain NOTE: Always consider the weather, availability and the quality of pasture	
Approximate feed consumption per calf per day	60g Approximately 1 handful per calf	170g	285g	428g	570g	1.2kg	1.7kg	2kg	2kg	
Approximate feed consumption per calf per week	500g	1.2kg	2kg	3kg	4kg	8.5kg	12kg	14kg	14kg	

The table above is calculated on rearing Friesian calves. For smaller breeds (e.g. Jerseys) reduce the rates of milk and solid feed by up to 25%.

Always ensure clean fresh water is available. Offering a mineralised salt block will provide a free choice option for calves to obtain additional minerals they may require.

Note: The four golden rules of: **(1) Warmth, (2) Controlled Milk, (3) Restricted Grass/No Hay** and **(4) Large Trough Space** need to be followed to achieve these results.