

NEW!

RumiCalf

Bandon Co-Op has developed RumiCalf to support calf performance at grass and ensure lifetime productivity is not compromised.

Keeping calf performance on track at grass is crucial to achieving targets throughout heifer development. This sets the animal up for achieving targets at breeding, calving and ultimately enables good long-term productivity.

The combination of weaning and turning out to lush grass puts the still developing rumen under stress and the lifetime productivity of the calf.



Proviflore

Natural oil product designed for calf gut integrity

SuperVit B Pack

Full complement of all B vitamins

EQUALISER®

RUMEN BUFFER

Powerful buffer to help maintain rumen health

Yeast fermentation product to boost intake, digestion and performance of calves

Strengthens gut wall to maintain digestive health to aid in the prevention of Coccidiosis

Designed for calves at risk of summer scour

Maintains a healthy B vitamin balance in calves

Strengthens gut wall to maintain digestive health

Keeps calf growth on track throughout the grazing season



**Improved dry matter intake • Healthier gut environment • More healthy big fat papillae
• Less risk of pathogens and more absorption of nutrients**

MANAGING CALVES AT GRASS

- Calves turned out to grass can experience major setbacks and even shock as the system adjusts to the change from a milk, concentrate and straw diet to a grass diet. Young grass is highly nutritious but lacks the effective fibre to support the mechanics of a fragile and developing rumen
- Use small paddocks and avoid putting calves in the same paddock for the first grazing every year to prevent disease and worm burdens building up
- Using a leader follow system is proven to work well. Use older stock to clean out swards after the calves. This removes any dead material and poorer quality grass that the calves won't eat
- Consider feeding long fibre like straw when going to grass as short spring grass is generally high in moisture and low in fibre. Long fibre will slow down the rate of passage of the grass through the calf's digestive system and promote eructation and cud chewing
- The best nutrition plan/programme can be in place to support performance but animal health has the potential to negate that. If for example the calves are carrying a worm burden the calves will not deliver target performance
- In all cases it is advisable to discuss a control strategy with your own vet as no two farms are the same