



Farm Services Ltd.

January Newsletter

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Wood Pellets

Talk to Robin at 519-363-3308 about your wood pellet needs for the winter season!



Windsor Safe-T-Salt!

Call now for skid pricing!

- 10kg bag
- 20kg bag



40 lb Big Red Dog Nuggets

Reg \$39.99 Sale \$29.99

Limited time offer!

We Have All Your Winter Supplies!

- Shovels
- Ice Salt
- Hats and Gloves
- Boots

We can order in **CANADIAN MADE** children's sized coveralls

Available in a selection of sizes, colors and styles.

Talk to Tracy for details 519-363-3308

WE SELL:

- **Modified Distillers**
- **Wet Gluten Feed**
- **Dried Gluten Feed**
- **Dried Distillers Grains**
- **Hi Pro Distillers Grains**
- **Filter Aid**
- **Corn Screenings**
- **Mycelium**

We are currently having a distiller shortage. Please give us 4-5 days notice when ordering distillers

Mycelium is high in Fiber

Cut your energy costs when you use Filter Aid

Available dumped, blown, and augured off

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Ensuring Calf Success Through Winter Months

Mapleview Agri Ltd. Sales Team

It is safe to say that we are now in the thick of winter and with that comes the challenge of keeping calves healthy and happy. Calves begin to experience cold stress as soon as the temperature dips below 10°C. In order to maintain their body temperature, calves require extra energy to meet not only maintenance demands, but also for increased growth. If a calf is not getting the additional energy required, they will begin taking from their energy reserves resulting in weight loss, and impaired immune function causing sickness or in extreme cases, death.

According to the National Research Council¹, calves require approximately one extra litre of milk per day in 0-10°C temperatures, and two extra litres in temperatures below 0°C.

Adding a 3rd feeding is a great way to get more milk into calves. The additional feeding reduces the amount fed per feeding and the time between feedings. Unfortunately, this isn't always an option on every farm as it requires extra labour and time. The other option is to increase the volume of milk fed morning and night. Remember that it is important to stay consistent; make a plan and stick to it! If you are feeding a milk replacer, please remember to adjust the amount of powder is based on the litres of water so that the concentration of solids stays the same from one feeding to the next.

Using extra bedding is another simple, yet effective way to ensure that calves will stay warm and dry. It will also significantly decrease the amount of ammonia and bacterial load in the environment. The cost of straw is relatively cheap compared to the cost of treating sick calves. Ideally, a producer should be looking at a nesting score of 3, which means the calf's legs are fully covered when lying down. Calf coats are another great way to keep calves warm. The best time to use them is during the first two to four weeks after the calf is born, if the temperature is 5°C or lower.

It is important that all calves are provided with adequate nutrition to maximize their growth potential for varying environmental conditions.

1 Calculations based on 2001 NRC Nutrient Requirements of Dairy Cattle, Chapter 10

Wallenstein Feed Dairy Meeting

When: Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Linwood Rec Complex, Linwood, ON

Agenda:

9:30 a.m. Registration & Refreshments

10:00 a.m. Welcome - Wendell Schumm, Ruminant Division Manager, WFS

10:15 a.m. Feeding Management - Milos Haas, Ruminant Nutritionist, WFS

11:00 a.m. Managing and Monitoring Transition Cow Health - Dr. Stephen LeBlanc, University of Guelph

Noon Lunch provided

1:00 p.m. Genomics as a Management Tool - Jonathan Lamb, Lamb Farms, Inc. & Oakfield Corners Dairy, Oakfield, NY

1:45 p.m. Managing Reproduction for Success at First Service - Dr. Stephen LeBlanc, University of Guelph

2:30 p.m. Early Calf Care - A producer panel moderated by Wendell Schumm

Panelists:

Jordan Dietrich, Citilimits Farms Inc., St. Agatha, ON

- Henk Grootendorst, Grootendorst Farm, Breslau, ON

- Lori Weber, Scenic Holsteins Ltd., St. Marys, ON

- Jonathan Lamb, Lamb Farms, Inc./Oakfield Corners Dairy, Oakfield, NY

3:30 p.m. Adjournment

Please RSVP to Susan at B&L Farm Services 519-363-3308



Suggested Feeding Rates Based on Temperature

Age	Summer - 130-150 g/L		Winter - 150 g/L			
	10°C +		10°C - 0°C		<0°C	
	Litres/Day	Feedings/Day	Litres/Day	Feedings/Day	Litres/Day	Feedings/Day
Day 1-3	4-6 L Colostrum - ASAP		4-6 L Colostrum - ASAP		4-6 L Colostrum - ASAP	
Week 1	8-6 L	2	6 L	2	6-7 L	2-3
Week 2	6-7 L	2	7-8 L	2	7-9 L	2-3
Weeks 3-5	7-10 L	2	8-11 L	2	9-12 L	2-3
Week 6	6-8 L	2	7-9 L	2	8-10 L	2-3
Week 7	3-4 L	1	3-5 L	1	4-6 L	2
Week 8	2-3 L	1	2-4 L	1	3-4 L	1

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