

DAIRY SPRING CHECKLIST

CALVING GEAR:

- Lube
- Antiseptic
- Disinfectant
- Disposable gloves
- Calving ropes or chains and handles
- Calving jack or pulleys

COW REQUIREMENTS:

- Metabolic bags (have a range of bags that address calcium, magnesium, dextrose and phosphorus requirements)
- Ketol or Ketol Extra
- Starter drench
- Anti-inflammatories e.g. ketoprofen, meloxicam
- Various antibiotics – talk to your vet (RVM)

CALF REQUIREMENTS:

- Navel spray (alcohol based)
- Disinfectant (e.g. Virkon, Vetsan super-concentrate)
- Tube feeders and calf feeders
- Clostridial vaccination (e.g. 6-in-1)

SICK CALF REQUIREMENTS (If you are unsure, talk to your vet about what you MIGHT need from the following):

- Pink pottles for scour samples
- Electrolytes e.g. diarrest, revive, enerlect or similar products
- Kaolin product
- Scourban plus or pink scour tablets or similar product – talk to your vet (RVM)
- Various products that target specific bugs e.g. Bovatec, Baycox, Rotagen or Rotagen Combo – talk to your vet (some are RVM)
- Various antibiotics – talk to your vet (RVM)

MISCELLANIOUS:

- Bloat oil
- Shed detergents, acid, alkaline
- Soap for washing hands
- Teat spray and emollient
- Syringes and needles
- Leg bands
- Spray paint/foam
- Milking gloves
- Hoof care equipment – sharp hoof knives etc
- RMT solution and paddle
- Udder cream
- Mastitis treatments – talk to your vet (RVM)
- Butocin – talk to your vet (RVM)

DID YOU KNOW?

We can test the quality of your colostrum in the clinic (Brix refractometer).

We can also test whether your calves are getting enough colostrum via a simple blood test within the clinic (no external lab work therefore you get results the same day and it is much cheaper).

FUTURE DATES TO THINK ABOUT AND PLAN AHEAD:

- Disbudding calves + their clostridial and lepto vaccinations
- BVD surveillance – the first bulk milk BVD test should be well before mating starts
- Pre-mating surveillance of cows/metrichecking/treatment of non-cyclers

Remember, we are always here for advice ☺