Colostrum History

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Check the most appropriate response(s) to the following questions. More than one response may apply for several of the questions asked.

1. Calves get colostrum by:
   a. Nursing the dam
   b. Being hand fed.
   c. Combination of nursing and hand feeding.

2. If calves are hand fed colostrum, what volume of colostrum is fed to the calf at the first feeding?
   a. 1 qt
   b. 2 qt
   c. 3 qt
   d. 4 qt

3. If colostrum is hand fed, how is colostrum presented to the calves?
   a. Calves nurse from a bottle.
   b. Calves nurse from a bucket.
   c. Esophageal feeder is used to feed all of the colostrum.
   d. Esophageal feeder is used to give what colostrum the calf won’t suckle.

4. For colostrum feeding only, indicate how many of each of the following you currently have.
   a. Nipple bottles _____
   b. Buckets _____
   c. Nipples _____
   d. Esophageal feeders _____
   e. Other colostrum feeding containers _____

5. Circle the appropriate responses regarding the colostrum source for your calves:
   a. Fresh colostrum is fed from the dam
   b. Fresh colostrum is fed from dam, only if it is not a first calf heifer
   c. Fresh pooled colostrum is fed from more than 1 fresh cow
   d. Refrigerated colostrum from an individual cow is fed
   e. Refrigerated colostrum from a pooled source is fed
   f. Frozen colostrum from an individual cow is fed
   g. Frozen colostrum from a pooled source is fed
   h. Colostrum is fed only if the source is a Johnes-negative cow.
6. Regarding the timing of colostrum feeding, circle the responses that apply.
   a. Calves suckle their dam as soon as they can stand.
   b. Calves are hand fed as soon as they are found.
   c. Calves are fed after the dam is milked.
   d. Calves are fed as soon as they are moved from the calving area.
   e. Calves are fed as soon as they are placed in their hutch or calf pen.
   f. Calves are fed within 2 hours of birth.
   g. Calves are fed between 2 and 6 hours of birth.
   h. Calves are fed after fresh cows are milked.
   i. Calves are fed after the next milking.

7. How many feedings of colostrum are given to calves?
   a. One feeding
   b. Two feedings
   c. Three feedings
   d. Four or more feedings

8. Regarding fresh cows and heifers, circle the correct responses:
   a. Colostrum is collected from fresh cows at regularly scheduled milking times.
   b. Colostrum is collected at times unrelated to regular milking.
   c. Colostrum is collected in the regular milking site.
   d. Colostrum is collected in a site other than the normal milking area.
   e. Colostrum is collected into individual containers.
   f. Colostrum from more than 1 cow is pooled into a storage container.
   g. Colostrum is held at room temperature until feeding.
   h. Colostrum is put in the refrigerator until feeding.
   i. Colostrum is frozen until feeding.

9. Is any colostrum testing done - on the farm or by your veterinarian?
   a. Yes
      i. Colostrometer
      ii. Calf blood test
   b. No