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### Cost Comparison

| Rumen X System              | Approx Quantity | Cost                  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Whole Milk                  | 84l             | \$43.68 (\$6.05kg/MS) |
| Rumen X                     | 15kg            | \$71.00               |
| 16% Starter meal            | 40kg            | \$33.60               |
| 20% starter meal            | 10kg            | \$8.80                |
| Fibre source (hay or Straw) | 20kg            | \$7.00                |
|                             | <b>Total \$</b> | <b>\$164.08</b>       |

| Old System                  | Approx Quantity | Cost            |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Whole Milk                  | 182l            | \$94.64         |
| Rumen X                     | 0               |                 |
| 16% Starter meal            | 50kg            | \$42.00         |
| 20% starter meal            | 25kg            | \$22.00         |
| Fibre source (hay or Straw) | 20kg            | \$7.00          |
|                             | <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$165.64</b> |

NB: All Exclusive of GST

In addition costs savings with reduced labour, extra income with sale of colostrum should be considered.

\*Calves could go to Nelson road grazing from week 6 and continue meal up there for a further 4 weeks. This would mean no calves would have to go to the Ruawhata Run off which would allow us to save it for supplement. \*\*The cost of labour to feed the meal at grazing for four weeks would also have to be considered.

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