

RUMENX TESTIMONIAL

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We first tried RumenX last Autumn on 80 calves and were so pleased we used again in the Spring with 250 calves so going into Autumn again now, will be the third time we have used RumenX.

The calves all look good and love eating the RumenX, they are doing well and look healthy. The main reason we tried RumenX was that the research showed that down the track the long term benefits will be better for our production because of better rumen development as young stock.

While feeding RumenX the calves are fed less milk so there is a saving there plus we can sell excess colostrum or milk to other calf rearers or to the factory. The saving on time and labour and other related costs is a huge benefit as the calves are only fed milk for the first four weeks. Because the calves are not on milk for so long means that they are not exposed to bugs for so long which reduces the chance of sickness.

The transition to grass is good as the calves are already used to eating a feed with fibre in it, as by day 28 they are eating hay or straw as part of the RumenX programme. The rumen is developed enough so that they not only eat it, they use it, have good gut function and above average growth rates.

You need to get over the mindset of feeding calves less milk as they are only fed milk for four weeks. Another benefit is that during the summer when feed gets tight they can use whatever grass is available and take to supplement feeds as well. We will definitely be using RumenX again next year, it fits in well with our system. Our ultimate goal is to have heifers coming in that can increase our milk solids.

We certainly won't be going back. My advice is to 'go for it'.

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