

New formula for calves aims to help gut health

Massey Feeds has launched a new calf milk powder to help support gut health and immune function.

FiMLAC Formula SMP Plus is a 35 per cent skimmed milk powder and is the only product on the market that contains the additives Orego-Stim and Bio-Mos. It is manufactured in Great Britain by Trouw Nutrition exclusively for Massey Feeds and contains palm and coconut oils as fat sources to aid optimal digestibility.

A spokesperson for Massey Feeds, said: "An independent trial carried out at the Agrifood and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) in Northern Ireland suggested calves fed oregano liquid in milk replacer were 2kg heavier at weaning and 3kg heavier at 70 days of age, compared to a control group. Furthermore, there were no scours or pneumonia in the group fed oregano. In comparison, four calves had pneumonia in the control group.

"Meanwhile, the yeast cell wall extract Bio-Mos helps feed the gastrointestinal tract and contributes to normal mucous production in the intestine. As well as directly binding pathogens, to reduce the chances of bad bacteria monopolising. Several studies have shown improved faecal consistency and reduced diarrhoeal incidence in calves



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supplemented with this product." David Wilde, National Ruminant Technical Manager at Massey Feeds, added oregano is a natural flavouring that improves palatability and drives higher intakes.

He said: "We have included both additives in our milk powder, FiMLAC Formula SMP Plus, and our starter feed, FiMLAC Sweet Start Pellets, to deliver a programme of feeding. This allows the full benefit to be had as the volume of milk declines as we approach weaning and the intake of starter feed increases."

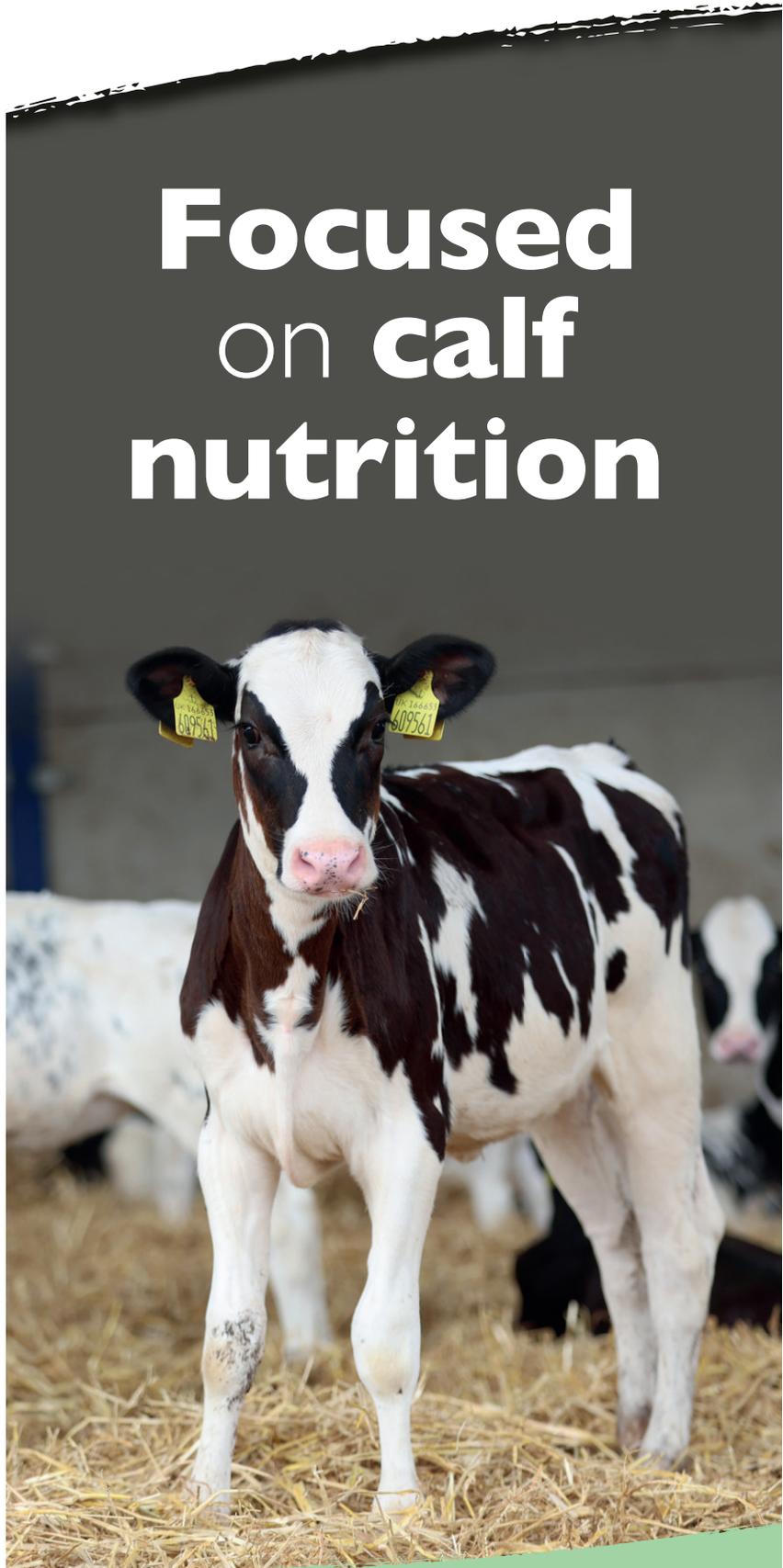
He added: "Gut health is crucial to the success of any calf-rearing programme. Not only will a well-functioning gut allow for the best absorption of nutrients, but it also impacts the immune system. A calf never gets over a bad start in life, so it had better be a good one.

"We only get one opportunity at this, so there's no point in leaving things to chance."

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