

Mother-bonded and Fostered Calf Rearing in Dairy Farming

The practice of mother-bonded or fostered calf rearing is attracting growing interest among dairy farmers. More and more, dairy farmers seek to extend the time that calves are left with their mothers, while continuing to milk the mother cows. In this way, the cow and her calf are given the opportunity to experience a much closer and more natural relationship.

Some farmers have gained experience with mother-bonded or fostered calf rearing and developed their own methods. This technical guide describes their experiences; making them available for other farmers. The brochure provides numerous suggestions for the implementation of mother-bonded calf rearing and for on-farm equipment requirements.

