

# Calf Colostrum Feeding

AgSafe

## Safe Work Procedure

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**DO NOT perform this procedure until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.**

**Required Training:** Tool box talk demonstrating optimum feeding technique. Tool box talk. Educate worker on appropriate feeder posture and stretches following. Tool box talk on importance of hand washing when finished handling the animal.

### Required Personal Protective Equipment and Devices

	CSA Approved Safety Footwear Required
	Cold Resistant and long arm veterinary gloves
	Protective clothing required
	No jewelry, watches, rings, necklaces etc...

**Potential Hazards:** Kicks from milking cow, burns from hot water thawing of frozen colostrum, zoonotic disease potential handling raw unpasteurized colostrum, finger bites from calf's lower teeth while training to suck, back injuries due to prolonged awkward posture whilst bending to calf's height.

**Pre-Operational Safety Checks:** Check temperature of water before removing frozen colostrum from hot water thawing tank.

# Procedure

## Before you start

1. Inspect required personal protective equipment and replace if required
2. Put on all required personal protective equipment

## While you're working

1. Thaw stored quality Colostrum/ Collect from calf's mother
2. Transfer colostrum to approved colostrum feeding container and apply nipple
3. Check new born calf for suck reflex with index and middle finger
4. Check it's at an appropriate body temp with skin contact
5. Allow calf to drink a minimum of 2 liters if possible

## After you finish

1. Wash all feeding equipment with warm water and allow to dry
2. Ensure all gates are closed
3. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water

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Please use the following **Safe Work Procedures** as a guideline to building your own safe work procedures.