

Feedback from the field / Preventive use of PECTOLIT - Testimonials

1- By a customer who is both an inseminator and a distributor of PECTOLIT.

Observed results: 3 weeks of preventive use (2 x 25 g/day from the 2nd colostrum) means an average gain of 2 months before 1st insemination: heifers reach weight at first insemination at 13 months instead of 15.

Cost to the farmer: 20 days x 2 x 25 g = 1 kg of PECTOLIT = €19.50 (£17) in 3 kg buckets, €18 (£15.55) in 9 kg buckets.

One month's rearing of a heifer costs between €40 and €50 (French Milk Board figures). So, there's a big "hidden" saving.

Additional benefits:

- Greater comfort and peace of mind for the farmer, as there are far fewer pathologies, including respiratory problems.
- lower healthcare costs
- Less mortality.
- Fewer risks when calf handlers change: weekends, replacements, trainees, etc.
- Easy to set up. To save time, farmers with lots of calves make a "premix" by mixing the number of doses needed for all the calves in 1 or 2 litres of milk and adding it to the meal, adjusting the quantity according to the needs of each calf.

2- Irish farmer who weighs all his heifers at 9 months of age every year.

He gave PECTOLIT PRO preventively from day 2 (2 x 25g/day, mixed with colostrum and then milk).

He had planned to do this for the first 3 weeks of life. Seeing the effect on his heifers (no pathologies and no vet fees), he extended the distribution until they were 5 weeks old.

Noting that his heifers were growing ahead of schedule, he decided not to supplement them when they went out to grass at 4 months old. In a way, he penalised them...

And yet... at 9 months, his 81 heifers were weighed: 280 kg on average per heifer.

In other years, the average was 240 kg, or 40 kg more. This represents a daily weight gain 146 g/d higher, i.e. +20%! And no health costs on his calves.

3- Conclusion.

The use of PECTOLIT as a preventive measure is recommended: its prebiotics (Linseed, Chicory Inulin, Carob pods, Yeast cultures) help to improve the quality of intestinal

mucus, thereby improving its filtering properties: pathogens can less easily cross the mucosa and enter the bloodstream, and Crypto can less easily become embedded in the intestinal wall.

What's more, prebiotics encourage the development of good bacteria in the intestine and contribute to the long-term establishment of a good microbiota, probably for the animal's entire life.

A good intestinal microbiota means better feed utilisation and therefore better growth, as observed by breeders who use PECTOLIT as a preventive measure.