

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FAILURE PASSIVE TRANSFER



EFFECT OF FEEDING MORE COLOSTRUM ON KEY PRODUCTION PARAMETERS

Production Parameter	2L n=37	4L n=31	Difference with calves fed 4L
Milk production in 2 lactations (kg/day)	26.9	27.8	+0.90
Milk production in 2 lactations adjusted to 305 days (kg)	18,594	21,201	+2,607*
Average daily weight gain (kg)	0.08 ±0.02	1.03 ± 0.03	+0.23**
Heifers culled before the second lactation	9/37 24.3%	4/31 12.9%	-47%

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* p<0.01 * p<0.001