

USING MILK AS A FEED SOURCE IN DAIRY RATIONS

These recommendations pertain to dairy farmers who are unable to send milk to processors during the COVID-19 pandemic due to reduced processing abilities.

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WORK WITH YOUR NUTRITIONIST TO DEVELOP RATIONS

Milk provides protein, fat and other nutrients. Milk also reduces the dry matter content of the total mixed ration so balance your ration accordingly.

UNPLEASANT ODORS MAY BE A CHALLENGE AS THE WEATHER BECOMES WARMER

The feed bunks need to be managed more closely when feeding milk. This includes pushing up feed more often and turning the ration as reduce the unpleasant odors that may be occur.

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FLY CONTROL MEASURES NEED TO BE IN PLACE AND PRACTICED

The warmer weather and odor of the milk will attract more flies. Spraying and fogging can help control flies. Feed bunks should be managed more closely to control flies.

PASTEURIZATION OF THE MILK IS RECOMMENDED TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF DISEASES

Pasteurize the milk, if possible, to reduce the spread of disease such as Johne's, bovine leukosis, staph aureus, and other diseases. Milk should be pasteurized at 145 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT USING MILK AS A FEED SOURCE CAN BE FOUND HERE.
[HTTPS://FYI.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/DAIRY/FEEDING-UNPASTEURIZED-MILK-TO-THE-DAIRY-HERD/](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dairy/feeding-unpasteurized-milk-to-the-dairy-herd/)



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