

PRELACTO FOR THE BEST START TO A NEW LACTATION

DE HEUS DRY PERIOD PLAN

The dry period is one of the most important periods of a cow's life with a big impact on the results of your cow and her calf. Therefore, De Heus developed the Prelacto Dry plan together with a dedicated Prelacto Pro dry cow feed for your market. All based on our own extensive research and the results that farmers all over the world achieve with Prelacto.



Easy calving & optimal start new lactation



Better colostrum quality, stronger calves



Improved fertility



Better persistency, more milk



PRACTICAL APPROACH TO IMPROVE RESULTS

With the Prelacto Plan of De Heus, results on farms will improve after calving. What are the important points of this approach:

- One diet during whole dry period.
- Simplify management for at least the last 6-8 weeks.
- Keeps the rumen active and effective.
- Covers all important nutrients.
- Cows after calving will eat more.
- Prepares for a smooth calving process.

GENERAL FEEDING ADVICE PRELACTO PRO (in kg)				
ROUGHAGE → FEED ↓	ONLY CORNSILAGE	SILAGE + GREEN (RYE / OATS)	GREEN (RYE / OATS)	BERSEEM ³⁾
Prelacto Pro	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Corn silage	12.5-15 (4.5 dry ¹⁾)	6.5-8 (2.0 dry ¹⁾)	—	—
Green Rye / Oats	—	10-12 (2.0 dry ¹⁾)	20-25 (4.0 dry ¹⁾)	...
Berseem	—	—	—	17.5-20 (3.5 dry ¹⁾)
Wheat straw ²⁾	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.5

1) Kilogram given in dry matter

2) Only use best quality wheat straw to stimulate intake

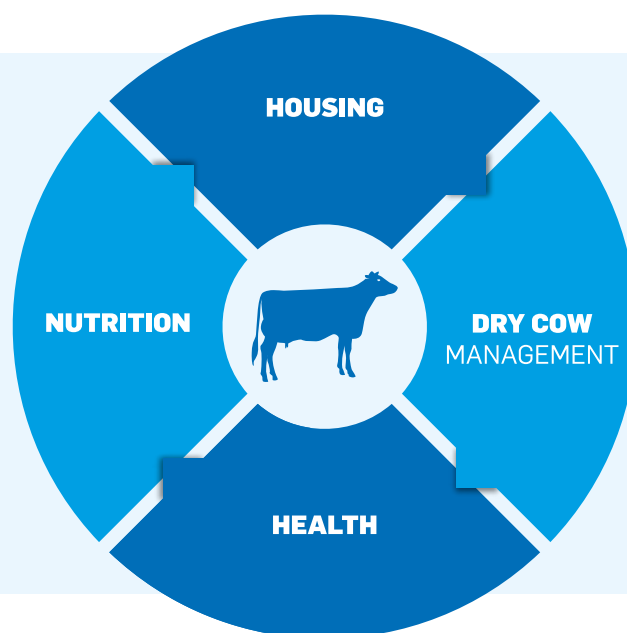
3) Berseem is NOT ideal as a dry cow feed, De Heus advice is to feed corn silage and wheat straw to get the best results

FACTORS FOR SUCCESSFUL LACTATION START

Especially the start of the new lactation is not only a matter of nutrition; it is strongly depending on external factors, which can be grouped into the four categories shown in the picture. Optimizing these factors will seriously and positively influence the performance of the cows and your feeds.

SOME PRACTICAL TIPS FOR BETTER RESULTS AROUND CALVING:

- Control feed quality and quantity (smell, taste, real intake)
- Only use good quality roughage.
- Supply best quality silage: not the molding part from the top
- Provide FRESH silage & water.
- Supply Prelacto Pro twice a day during the entire dry period.
- Avoid stress and prevent replacing cows during the dry period.
- Remove animals some days before calving to minimize stress.
- Clean and hygienic environment is important for dry cows.
- Avoid heat stress and pay attention to cooling of dry cows.



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