



BRITMILK VITALAMB

+ BIO-START

BRITMILK VITALAMB contains proteins, from high quality milk products. Its specially chosen oil and fats plus minerals/vitamins supplement makes it an excellent choice for young lambs.

Analysis:

Oil	25%	Vitamin A	65,000 iu/kg
Protein	22%	Vitamin D ₃	4,000 iu/kg
Fibre	0%	Vitamin E	100 iu/kg
Ash	8.0%	Selenium	0.25 mg/kg

BIO-START: Colostrum powder rich in specific proteins. Also contains probiotics to help maintain a healthy balance of beneficial bacteria in the intestine. This unique double action will help to ensure faster economic growth resulting in more profit.

MIXING AND FEEDING

Mixing Rate: 2lb of VITALAMB makes 1 gallon of mixed milk (200 grams makes 1 litre of mixed milk).

To make small quantities of milk add 1 pint of water to 5ozs of **VITALAMB**.

Using the Britmilk Jug: 1lb of **VITALAMB** is equal to 32 fluid ozs (approx.).

Mixing: Add **VITALAMB** to required quantity of warm water (39°C) or cold and whisk briskly.

Feeding Systems:

(1) "Warm Restricted Feeding"

Feeding Schedule – Warm Feeding Via Bottle, Wydale Lamb Feeder

Age in days	No. of Feeds per day	Maximum Milk intake per lamb per day
1 – 7	4	1 litre (1.7 pints)
7 to weaning	2 – 4	1.5 litres (2.5 pints)

(2) Warm Ad-Lib System

Semi-automatic machines. To help prevent separation of milk in container, especially when only feeding a few lambs, one should ensure:

1. equipment is set to keep milk at its lowest heat setting
2. use clean containers each time

- when feeding small numbers of lambs, try and mix appropriate quantities of milk to help maintain freshness.

Feeding Schedule – Warm Feeding Ad-Lib

Age in days	No. of Feeds per day	Milk intake per lamb per day
1 – 3	4	1 litre
3 – 42	Ad-Lib Warm Milk Feeding	

(3) Cool Ad-Lib System

It is best to start lambs off initially on warm milk (via a bottle with teat). Gradually reduce temperature over 8 feeds until the lambs are consuming cool milk. At this stage transfer lambs to the cool ad-lib system, with one teat for every 3 lambs.

Age of Lamb (Days)	No. of Feeds per day	Milk intake per lamb per day
1 – 3	4	1 litre
3 – 42	Ad-Lib Cool Milk	

For very weak lambs it may not be possible to change as early as 3 days, but we strongly recommend changing to cool ad-lib feeding as soon as the lambs are fit.

Once established on the system, lambs will consume 1.5 – 2.5 litres. It is important to have milk always available.

Clean water and pellets/mixture should be made available after 7 days. It is important not to overfeed roughage during milk feeding as this will depress concentrate intake, resulting in gutty lambs.

Wean at approx. 6 weeks, according to dry food intake (250 grams per day).

MANAGEMENT GUIDE

- Lambs should be born into a clean environment. Navels should be treated with a suitable antibiotic.
- It is essential that all lambs receive an adequate quantity of colostrum within 6 hours of birth. If no new colostrum is available, then feed colostrum obtained from a cow.
- Bought in lambs should have Britmilk Hydrolyte for 2-3 feeds. Britmilk Hydrolyte contains essential Electrolytes, Dextrose, Sodium Bicarbonate, Vitamins, Trace Elements, and **BIO-START** to help stimulate appetite and restore essential body nutrients to the young lamb.
- COSISAN** (powder disinfectant) should be used in lambing pens.
- All feeding equipment should be thoroughly cleaned each day.
- Wean lambs according to dry food intake (250 grams).
- It is important to detect and treat disease promptly. When in doubt consult your Veterinary Surgeon.
- When removing lambs from the ewe for artificial rearing, this should take place within 48 hours of birth. Otherwise it becomes very difficult to train the lambs to suck from an artificial teat.

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