



Hidden Acres Calf Care Guide

6 Months & Beyond

This guide provides helpful information for caring for calves as they grow and transition into the herd.

Hidden Acres Family Farm • Cottondale, Florida

Feeding & Nutrition

- By 6 months, calves are fully weaned and should be eating approximately 5 lbs of calf grower feed daily.
- Provide free-choice, high-quality hay at all times.
- Allow access to pasture or forage to support natural grazing behavior.
- Ensure constant access to fresh, clean water.
- Monitor body condition to ensure steady growth without becoming underweight or overweight.

Housing & Environment

- Provide a clean, dry, well-ventilated shelter to protect from wind and rain.
- Keep bedding clean and dry to prevent illness.
- Remove manure regularly to maintain a healthy environment.

Health Management

- Observe calves daily for signs of illness such as runny eyes, coughing, or reduced appetite.
- Normal calf temperature ranges from 101.5°F to 103°F.
- Work with a veterinarian to establish a parasite control and deworming schedule.

Transitioning to the Herd

- By 6 months, calves can begin introduction to other calves or the herd.
- Introduce gradually and monitor interactions to support safe social development.

At Hidden Acres, we raise our calves with care, attention, and respect for their natural development. Watching them grow and thrive is one of the greatest joys of farm life.