About Cal Poly Calves

Cal Poly calves are fed twice a day by student employees. They are fed:

- 10 pints of milk replacer/day
- 2-4 lbs Grain Mix/day
- Fresh Water

Cal Poly Calves live in weather proof bassinet hutches. These hutches help keep the calves cool in the summer time and warm in the winter time.

The Importance of Cal Poly Calves

The Cal Poly Calves are truly a key to the present and future of student programs. On any dairy farm it is important to put extra effort into taking care of calves. These young calves promise to be the future of the dairy as they mature and begin to have calves of their own and produce the most perfect natural product in the world: milk.

the Cal Poly Calves allow a future of the following programs:

- Community Dairy Tours
- Hands-on Dairy Labs
- Production of CP dairy products
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- Student employment & experience
- FFA Judging Contests

Cal Poly Calf Fun Facts

Cal Poly Dairy has both black and white holsteins and jersey dairy cattle.

Calves begin to take their first steps within an hour after birth.

Newborn calves can weigh anywhere between 90-100 pounds at birth.

Female calves are called heifers.

Baby calves are fed their mothers milk for their first feedings because it is high in antibodies and helps prevent them from getting sick.

Baby calves are fed milk from a bottle for 10 weeks.

Baby calves are housed in individual bassinet hutches for the first eleven weeks.

On average a calf drinks about 10 pints of milk each day.