

**Notice: Jones Feed Mills will be closed Monday, February 16th for Family Day. We wish all of our customers a safe and happy holiday weekend!**

## Winter Calves

### Part 1 - Giving Newborn Calves the Best Start

**Written by Jarrett Hargrave, JFM Beef Sales Consultant**

Those first few weeks after a calf is born matter more than most people realize. How calves are managed early on has a big impact on their health, growth, and how they perform down the road. Getting the basics right early can save a lot of headaches later.

**It Starts with the Cow** - Late-gestation nutrition affects everything from calving ease to colostrum quality and calf vigour. Cows need enough energy, protein, minerals, and vitamins to do their job. When cows are in good shape, they tend to calve easier and produce better colostrum in those first critical hours. Strengthen your mineral program with products like BCMPLUS or BCMPMAXB can help your cows be where they need to.

**Early Feed Makes a Difference** - In cow-calf herds calving on grass, fresh pasture often helps boost milk production and gives calves a strong start. Winter-born calves don't get that benefit, so a good calf starter can go a long way. It needs to be fresh, palatable, and balanced for protein and energy to support early growth and rumen development. Putting out small amounts early helps get calves interested.

Winter calves in pens or confined feeding areas also tend to lick walls, feeders, bedding – pretty much anything they can reach. Having clean, good-quality feed available, and using medicated starters with products like Deccox® when needed, can help keep calves healthier. Products such as Jones WSC16 are designed to support calves right from the start.

**Don't Skimp on Straw** - Bedding matters more than people think. Deep, clean straw helps calves stay warm, saves energy, and cuts down on stress, especially in cold or wet conditions. A good rule of thumb is that calves should be able to nest into the straw so their legs are mostly covered. Dry calves are more comfortable, eat better, and usually stay healthier. In the end, good bedding and prevention are often the cheapest "medicines" you can buy.

**Setting Calves Up Right** - When cows are fed properly, calves get access to good feed early, and housing is comfortable, calves have a much better chance to do well. These are simple management steps, but they pay off in healthier calves and better performance as they grow.

Putting the effort in early is worth it, a good start really does make a difference.

For more information on brood cow and Whole Start calf programs, contact your JFM sales representative.



### Part 2 - Tips for Keeping your Winter Calves Happy and Healthy

**Written by Ken Wales, JFM Dairy Sales Consultant**

Winter dairy calf care is about keeping calves warm, dry, and well-nourished. With proper bedding, protection from drafts, and adequate nutrition, calves can stay healthy and grow well even in cold conditions.

#### Housing & Bedding

- **Deep Bedding:** Use clean, long-stemmed straw, allowing calves to nestle down so their legs are buried for insulation.
- **The Kneel Test:** If your knees get wet after kneeling in the bedding for 20 seconds, add more.
- **No Drafts:** Ensure housing has adequate ventilation but no direct cold air hitting calves; use windbreaks if necessary.

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MILLER'S STORE HEIDELBERG



### Month Long Specials

- 15% off Nith Valley Honey Products
- Wild Bird No Corn 16 kg - \$19.99 (regularly \$24.99)
- GO! Solutions Dry Food Recipes - Save \$6 off medium size and Save \$10 off large size
- 25% off GO! Solutions Boosters & Tetra Packs

### Superbowl Specials

**On sale January 29<sup>th</sup> - February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Organic Chicken Wings 1kg - \$14.49 (regularly \$16.99)
- Organic Chicken Drums 1kg - \$13.49 (regularly \$15.99)
- Breaded Chicken Breast Fillets 480g - \$13.49 (regularly \$16.49)
- Original and Roasted Vegetable Chicken Burgers 678g - \$15.99 (regularly \$18.99)

Jones Feed Mills is now recognized by the "Non GMO Project", for some of our poultry feeds. The Non-GMO



Project is an independent, non-profit organization that administers North America's certification for non-GMO feeds. For more information, contact a member of the JFM Poultry Team or call the office at 1-800-265-8735

**Feeding & Hydration**

- **Increase Energy:** Feed more milk or milk replacer, roughly 2% more for every degree Celsius below 5°C (41°F).
- **Warm Water:** Offer warm (100-105°F) water after milk feedings to encourage starter intake and digestion.
- **Encourage Solids:** Provide calf starter grain early (by day 7 at the latest in a shallow dish/bowl and in small amounts to keep fresh); water intake stimulates starter consumption, generating heat.
- **Warm Milk:** Feed milk replacer at body temperature (around 38.5°C) so calves don't waste energy warming it.

**Extra Protection**

- **Calf Jackets:** Use jackets on young calves (under a month) for added insulation, but ensure they fit well and don't cause sweating.
- **Colostrum:** Ensure newborns get plenty of high-quality colostrum for initial immunity and warmth.



**Monitoring**

- **Check for Shivering:** A shivering calf is a cold calf, indicating inadequate nutrition or bedding.
- A dry, well-bedded calf that's not shivering is a warm calf, so prioritize these basics for health and development. For more information please reach out to our Jones Feed Mills Dairy Team.

**FUTURES**

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 <b>LIVE CATTLE</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>DRESSED HOGS</b> 	<b>FEB</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
	<b>\$ 318.72</b>	<b>\$ 320.00</b>	<b>\$ 313.14</b>	<b>\$ 309.42</b>		<b>\$ 220.93</b>	<b>\$ 240.94</b>	<b>\$ 250.48</b>	<b>\$ 273.27</b>

**Calf Coats**

If you're cold, so are your calves. Keep them warm and thriving with JFM's calf coats (available in size large) —built for comfort and cold-weather protection. 1-800-265-8735.

**Avenir Energy Referral Program**

Jones Feed Mills is excited to announce a direct customer referral program with Avenir Energy. Avenir Energy is a leading supplier of residential and agricultural propane in Ontario. Customers of Jones Feed Mills are eligible to participate in the program. Customers are encouraged to contact Avenir Energy directly to discuss and price their propane needs for their farm and/or home. Avenir is known for their competitive pricing, modern monitoring technology and excellent service. Avenir Energy can be reached at:

- **Flesherton: 1-800-747-9560**
- **Blyth: 1-800-561-7727**
- **St. George: 1-866-517-1714**



- Feb 4 & 5 - The National Poultry Show\* - London
- Feb 10 - Wellington County DFO Meeting\* - Drayton
- Feb 18 & 19 - BFO Annual General Meeting\* - Toronto
- Feb 19 - Southwest Ontario Dairy Symposium - Woodstock
- Feb 18 - Southwest Ontario Pork Conference (SWOPC) 2025 - Guelph

**Email Payments and Breakdowns**

Please use the email address **receivables@jfm.ca** for all e-Transfers and for any payment breakdown information. This email address should also be used for all Plooto-related correspondence. As a reminder, including payment breakdowns and advising us of your invoice and customer code greatly assists in accurate and efficient payment processing. Thank you for your cooperation.




# CHICK DAYS 2026

**Order Date:**

Thursday, March 12

Monday, March 30

Thursday, April 2

Thursday, April 23

Thursday, May 7

Monday, May 11

Thursday, May 21

Monday, June 29

**Pick-Up Date:**

Friday, April 17

Friday, May 8 (Ready to Lay Hens Only)

Friday, May 8

Friday, May 29

Friday, June 12

Friday, June 26 (Ready To Lay Hens Only)

Friday, June 26

Wednesday, August 5 (Chicks & Turkeys Only)

**AVAILABLE BIRDS**

**Chicks:**

- White Leghorn
- ISA Brown (Red Sex Link)
- Rhode Island Red X Columbian & Black Sex Link

**Ready to Lay:**

- ISA Brown (Red Sex Link)

**Other:**

- Large White Turkeys
- White Muscovy Ducks

**Available at The Miller's Stone Stores**

**Heidelberg**      **Wroxeter**  
**519-699-5200**      **226-767-8252**  
**2755 Lobsinger Line**      **90372 Belmore Line**

Also available for order at [orders@jfm.ca](mailto:orders@jfm.ca)

**We also carry a large selection of poultry supplies!**

- Feeders & Waterers
- Heat Lamps/Bulbs
- Organic, Non-GMO & Conventional Feed
- Poultry Starter Kits
- Egg Incubators
- Soldier Fly & Meal Worm Larvae

**Call or Email to Order**

- Order early to avoid disappointment Ready-To-Lay (RTL)
- Please bring your own crates or boxes when picking up RTL
- Call to reserve a pick-up time for RTL. Crates/boxes cannot be left at mill the preceding night due to Avian Influenza biosecurity protocols.
- Jones Feed Mills can supply you with all of your feed, water, bedding, heating plates and brooding supplies.
- Poultry Starter Kits available!
- Egg Incubators - Place your order for spring delivery.

