

UNIT : THE CALF – REARING SYSTEMS

STAFF

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Unit is to introduce the range of systems practiced whether the origin of the calves is the

- Dairy herd – largely artificially reared - occasionally naturally reared on a cow that is not its own mother
- Beef herd – naturally reared on its own mother - with or without other calves

On completion of the Unit students will be able to describe a range of calf rearing systems

KEY WORDS

- Rearing system practiced
 - Artificial rearing system
 - Individual
 - Group
 - Natural rearing system
 - Single suckled
 - Multiple suckled

- Birth to weaning.
- Calf Health and Welfare
- Calf nutrition
- Disbudding, castration, vaccination

RESOURCES

LEARNING ACTIVITIES