



Critical Periods for Cows: Ensuring Health and Productivity

Description

Cows experience several critical periods that require focused care and management to maintain their health and productivity. Proper planning during these stages minimizes risks and maximizes output.

1. Postpartum Period

Challenges:

- Milk fever
- Uterine inflammation or retained placenta
- Low calcium and energy (ketosis)

Management:

- Ensure proper nutrition before and after calving.
- Administer calcium and energy supplements.
- Regularly monitor udder and uterine health to detect issues early.

2. Dry Period

Challenges:

- Cows need adequate rest to rejuvenate udder tissues.
- Preparation for the next lactation cycle.

Management:

- Divide the period into two stages:
 - **Far-off Dry Period:** Lasting 40-60 days with low-energy feed to prevent obesity.

- **Close-up Dry Period:** Focus on balanced nutrition to prepare for calving.
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3. Transition Period

Duration:

From three weeks before calving to three weeks after.

Challenges:

- Significant shifts in nutritional demands.
- Risks of ketosis and digestive disorders.

Management:

- Provide transitional feed to ease the cow into dietary changes.
 - Supplement with minerals and vitamins to support energy balance and immunity.
 - Administer **TranzproA**® starting 18 days before calving and continue for 36 days after calving to:
 - Enhance udder health for optimal milk production in pregnant heifers.
 - Reduce the risk of retained afterbirth, improving overall well-being.
 - Boost appetite during early lactation, ensuring proper nutrition.
 - Accelerate peak milk production, benefiting both the cow and the operation.
 - Support recovery in cows post-calving with targeted nutritional aid.
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4. Breeding and Early Pregnancy

Challenges:

- Maintaining an ideal body condition score (BCS).
- Enhancing fertility.

Management:

- Closely monitor the estrus cycle for optimal breeding timing.
 - Provide a balanced diet rich in nutrients essential for reproductive health.
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5. Peak Lactation

Challenges:

- Elevated energy and protein requirements.
- Risk of weight loss due to high milk production.

Management:

- Offer energy-dense and protein-rich feed.
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- Regularly assess the cow's body condition to prevent overproduction-related stress.
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The Importance of Effective Management in Critical Periods

1. **Risk Mitigation:** Proper care reduces health issues, ensuring the cow's longevity and productivity.
2. **Enhanced Productivity:** Optimized feeding programs and the use of technologies like **Precision Nutrition** improve performance.

By following these guidelines and incorporating **Tranzpro**®, dairy farmers can ensure healthy, productive cows and a thriving operation.

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