

DeLaval calf hutch CH5

Calf care in a comfortable environment



Raising healthy calves to become strong heifers and productive cows is an important part of dairy farm management. Those vulnerable calves need nurturing to achieve the desired result.

Comfortable sheltered bedding

Housing your calves in comfortable isolation is important to provide them with a good start. Newborn calves have no functioning immune system, and little or no protection from environmental pathogens or resistance to disease. Isolating calves from each other for their first eight weeks helps to protect them from cross-transfer of infection while their immune systems develop, kick-started by their first feed of colostrum.

Healthy protection

A DeLaval calf hutch CH5 provides a healthy living space for young calves, along with ease of use for farm workers. It provides safe separation from other animals for mutual protection from infection, in a space that is easy to keep clean and germ-free. It provides peaceful shelter, fresh air and access to daylight within the U-shaped fence, and has specific places for the water bucket and feeder buckets or a trough.



Calves can thrive in DeLaval CH5

The individual hutches keep calves separate to prevent cross-transfer of infectious organisms. Use plenty of bedding material to provide each calf with a soft dry place for lying down in this sheltered hutch, and replace the bedding regularly.

Calves in the hutches have their own microclimate without a draft, and easy access to clean water and tasty food. The white colour reflects hot sunlight, and the simple ventilation system prevents heat stress in summer. When the hutch is installed with the fence, it provides space for the calf to move around freely in fresh air and sunlight, to stimulate Vitamin D production for fast healthy growth, with good muscle development.

Good for workers

DeLaval CH5 allows easy access to each calf. It is easy to check on and care for the calves. It is easy to provide feed and water, and easy to keep the hutch – and its resident calf – clean. It is quick and easy to wash down and thoroughly disinfect the smooth surfaces, using a pressure washer and normal disinfectants, or DeLaval Cascade Disinfectant. It is easy to move the hutch as it is light weight with convenient hand grips. The hutch can be upended while still attached to the fence, or the fence can be swung over the hutch.

Robust construction

DeLaval calf hutch CH5 is made from durable, UV-resistant HDPE (high-density polyethylene thermoplastic) that withstands temperatures to as low as -20 °C. It is shock resistant, resistant to chemicals, and has the thermal insulation needed to maintain a good temperature inside even during winter time. The curved shape helps to retain warmth. The DeLaval CH5 is sized to house calves up to eight weeks old.

Installation

The DeLaval CH5 is designed to be installed outdoors – but close to the barn for easy access for care and supervision. Place the hutch on a hard level surface with drainage for urine and waste water.

Position it with the opening oriented to the south/southeast for the best possible climate. Provide shelter from wind in stormy weather, protected by other buildings or big bales.

U-shaped fence

DeLaval recommends combining the hutch with a U-shaped fence (no corners), made of hot dipped galvanized steel. This forms a pen so the calf can move around outdoors, and see other calves nearby. The pen makes it easier to supervise the calf. The two bucket holders can be attached inside or outside the fence.

Accessories

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| • Calf feeder bucket | 97107580 |
| • Plastic bucket, 12 litres | 97105021 |
| • Feed trough 12 litres (hay and concentrate) | 97284702 |

It can be fixed to the rear wall adjacent to the ventilation porthole, so it can be refilled from outside the hutch.