



ROUGHAGE FOR CALVES

Valio's dairy farms comply with requirements of the national and EU's animal welfare and health care legislation (Animal Welfare Act 247/1996, Animal Healthcare Decree 441/2013).

Finnish animal welfare legislation requires that all animals must be provided with suitable good quality feed and water. Feeding of cattle must be based on animal's nutritional needs and analysed feeds. Valio Ltd offers laboratory services for analysing cattle feeds. From the age of two weeks, a calf must have free access to good quality roughage and water. The daily amount of roughage must increase when a calf gets older.

Animal welfare on Valio's dairy farms is supported by Valio Sustainable Dairy Farm Program too. Valio's Guidelines of Best Milk Production Practices includes the good feeding principles. All dairy farms delivering milk to Valio dairies are obliged to follow the Valio's best milk production practices that include also good farming practises of animal health care. Compliance with Valio Sustainable Dairy Farm Program is monitored by dairy farm advisors of Valio's cooperatives.

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