CARING FOR COWS IN BREAK-FED WINTER SYSTEMS

Providing a positive winter for cows on crop

Avoid calving on muddy ground
Mud is slippery for the cow in labour and the newborn calf quickly becomes cold.

Provide comfortable lying areas
Cows will stand to avoid lying in wet mud.

Variety
Offering a balanced diet of two or more feeds is the right thing for nutrition and also enjoyable for cows.

Choice
Offering an alternative spacious resting area a cow can choose to go to is gold for a cow.

COWS LOVE

COWS ALSO VALUE THE BASICS

Water
Food
Minerals

Balanced diet
No more than 70% inclusion for fodder beet and 80% for kale

Shelter

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