Transition cow management

Transition cow management has been one of the most significant advances in dairy nutrition and production worldwide in the last 20 years. It provides farmers with a major opportunity to improve cow health, milk production and reproductive performance.

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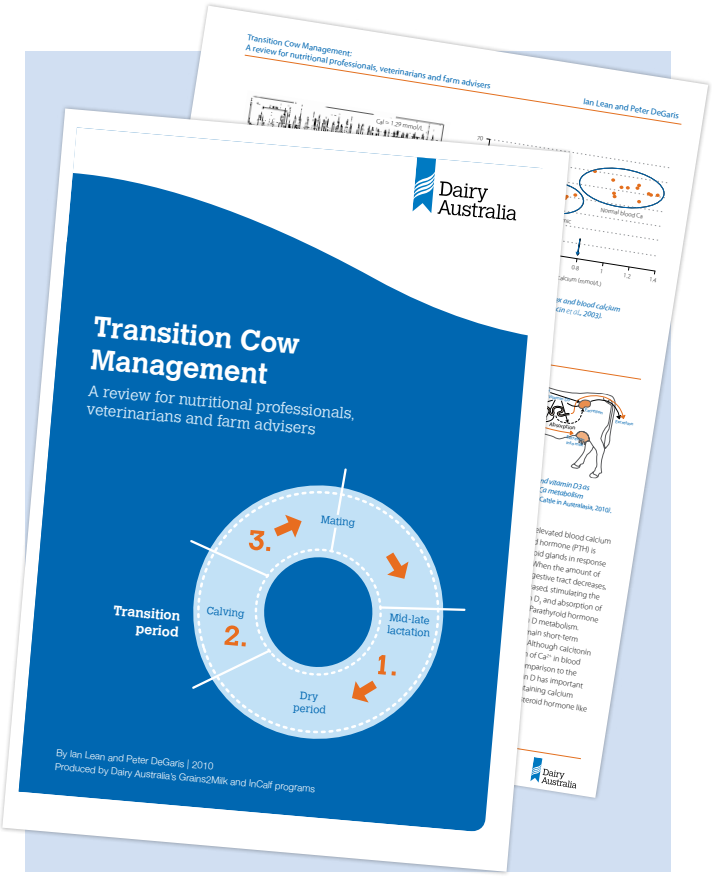
But many other farmers haven't yet got on board. So Dairy Australia's Grains2Milk and InCalf programs have joined forces to support the adoption of effective transition cow management programs across the Australian dairy industry.

The result is the publication pictured at right – an extensive review of transition cow management for nutritionists, vets and farm advisers.

There have been major advances in understanding the needs of the transition cow and the use of transition feeding programs pre-calving in just the past few years. Given this, we felt that the first thing needed was an extensive technical review on transition cow management. The result is this publication, which is the most extensive review of transition cow management ever undertaken, drawing on more than 300 peer-reviewed scientific papers. It provides an up-to-date technical resource for nutritional professionals, veterinarians and farm advisers on the many aspects of transition cow management, and serves as the technical foundation for additional adviser and farmer information resources being developed by Grains2Milk and InCalf.



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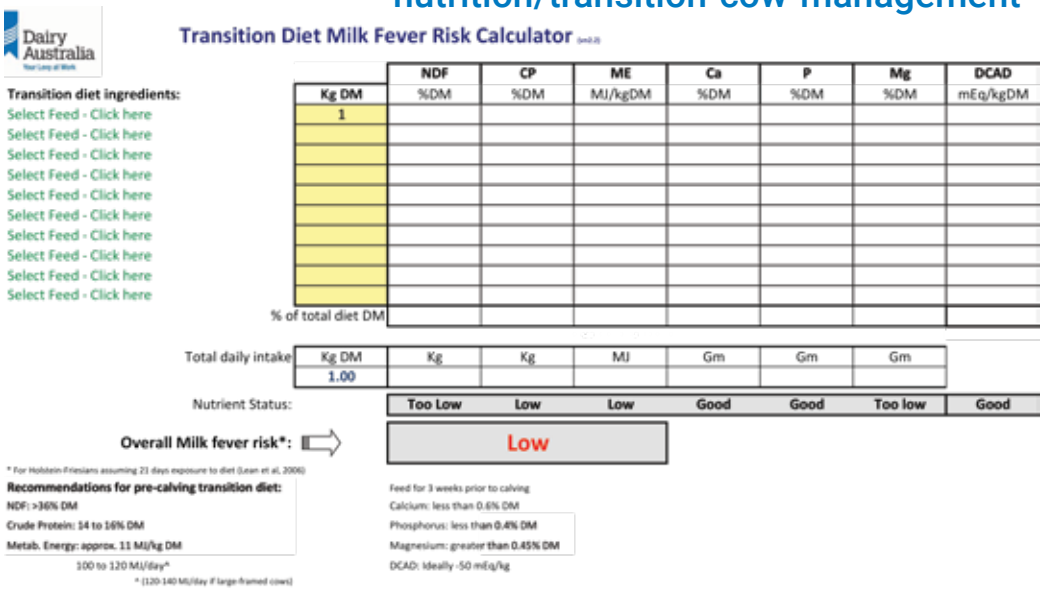

This calculator is intended to assist dairy farmers and advisers to design low milk fever risk pre-calving transition diets.

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