

Table 1**Comparison of traditional, moderate, and aggressive milk replacer feeding programs and the effects on growth, intake, and diet digestibility**

Item	Traditional	Moderate	Aggressive
Milk replacer crude protein, % as-fed	20.0	26.0	28.0
Milk replacer fat, % as-fed	20.0	17.0	20.0
Days fed milk replacer	42	42	49
Maximum milk replacer feeding rate, lb/day	1.0	1.5	2.5
Average daily gain (0 to 56 days), lb/day	1.1 ^b	1.3 ^a	1.4 ^a
Starter intake (0 to 56 days), lb/day	1.8 ^a	1.8 ^a	1.5 ^b
Total intake (0 to 56 days), lb/day	2.3 ^c	2.7 ^b	3.4 ^a
Gain-to-feed ratio (0 to 56 days)	0.460	0.501	0.428
Digestibility of dry matter at 56 days, %	75.6 ^a	78.3 ^a	67.3 ^b

^{abc}Values with common superscripts do not differ statistically.

Source: Adapted from “Effect of milk replacer program on digestion of nutrients in dairy calves” in the *Journal of Dairy Science* 93:1105-1115.