

# Dry Period Management

Dry period refers to the activity that involves the voluntary resting period for the dairy cow generally 60 days before calving.

During this period the cow prepares its udder for the next lactation hence the activity is very helpful to livestock farmers. Furthermore always practice dry cow therapy to help reduce mastitis incidence in the subsequent lactation.

## Routine practices

Always follow proper milking practices while drying off and avoid abrupt milking of animals.

Additionally, give animals macro nutrient supplements to help improve the animals immunity and reduce disorders after calving.

Furthermore, prior to calving avoid giving animals calcium and phosphorus supplements.

Also feed dry cow on concentrates, green and dry fodder to better growth and general improved animal health.

Lastly do not feed animals on excess amounts of energy during end of dry period.