

# Harvesting and Storing Colostrum



**Prepare the cows udder for milking**



**Collect the first-milking in a dry, clean container**



Test colostrums for quality. Save colostrums with 50 g/l of immunoglobulin's or higher from a second lactation or later lactation johne's negative known cow (if only 1st lactation cows, use this colostrums). Avoid using colostrums from cows that are milked pre-fresh or colostrums that is contaminated with mastitis or blood.



**If planning to store colostrum, put the colostrum into a clean 2 liter container. Do not mix colostrum from different cows.**



**Write the cow number and date on container.**



**Do not store colostrum at room temperature. Chill fresh colostrum immediately after collection in a refrigerator (40° F) if you are planning to use the colostrum within the next 24 hours.**



**If you are storing colostrum for future use, freeze the colostrum immediately after collection in a freezer at -10° F to -15° F.**