

## TECHNICAL GUIDE

## **M**ANAGEMENT OF MATERNITY

Fact No. 3.3

## **Feeding program**

- → During the production cycle, it is advisable to distribute two types of feed:
  - ➤ A **lactation feed** with high-energy level (promote energy input in the form of starch rather than fat), distributed *ad-libitum* from the transfer before kindling until 24-26 days after kindling.

Its objectives are to ensure the needs of lactation and the resumption of body condition.

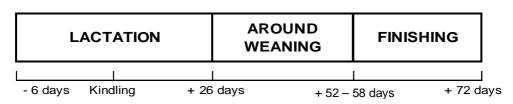
➤ A **weaning feed** distributed from 24/26 days after kindling until weaning, it must be adapted to both the female and its young rabbits.



Make a transition for 2 to 3 days during the change of feed.

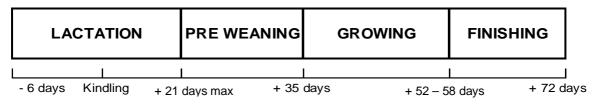
The feeds are distributed to the animals ad-libitum

- → Different types of feeding programs:
  - > Program with 3 feeds



Number of days before (-) or after (+) kindling

Program with 4 feeds



Number of days before (-) or after (+) kindling



The feeding program must be validated in accordance with the technician of your feed company.

It is interesting to control the weight of females 7 days after the 3<sup>rd</sup> birth. Monitoring the evolution of the weight of females over time is a good indicator of the quality of the feeding program and the health status of livestock.

The goal is within an average of 4.8 kg to 5.0 kg depending on the season.

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