



Newborn calves tend to weigh in at thirty pounds or so. Early on, they suckle many times a day on their dam's rich milk, with accelerated growth as they add weight of up to two pounds a day. They soon begin to forage along with their mom, with decreasing dependence on her milk. Marie is on her own for food here at the end of August, having just been weaned by her mom Ma'Re in time for the rut. Appearing almost as large as some yearlings, she is the most impressive calf of her age whom we have ever seen, with a sweet nature to enhance her beauty. But yearlings are fascinating too...

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