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The comparison of rearing results in calves of three beef breeds

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The study included 431 calves of three breeds i.e. 104 Limousine, 110 Angus and 217 Hereford. Bull calves of all three breeds showed higher body weight at birth and higher daily gains compared with heifers. The Limousine bulls born by primiparas attained the smallest daily gains (922 g), while the highest gains were found in calves from cows after IIIrd and next calvings (996 g). The Angus bulls demonstrated similar relationship as daily gains of calves born in succeeding calvings were running at 816-906 g. However decidedly the smallest daily gains were found in Hereford bulls (794-832 g). In case of heifers relations between compared breeds, proceeded similarly. Highest daily gains had Limousine heifers (above 900 g), next Angus heifers (830-860 g), and lowest Hereford heifers (below 800 g).