

Suckler Breeding Plan

Review and develop your herd's breeding plan

Current herd numbers	
A	Number of breeding females currently
B	Number of breeding females you would like in the herd next year
C	Number of heifers to bull this season
D	Number of cows/heifers you are buying this year
E	Number of females to cull before breeding
F	Number of replacements you need to breed yourself (B-A-C-D) + E

Outlets for cattle for the next two years	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stores	<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding animals
<input type="checkbox"/> Finished sold through market	<input type="checkbox"/> Finished straight to abattoir
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Butcher
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Requirements of the market/s		
Name of outlet (eg butcher, stores)	Target carcass conformation and fat class	Target weight

Top areas to improve with terminal breeding		
<input type="checkbox"/> Calf growth rate to weaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Carcass weight	<input type="checkbox"/> Carcass conformation
<input type="checkbox"/> Fat classification	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat eating quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Time to finishing

EBVs to focus on - terminal breeding

KPI	Industry target	Current performance	Your target
Cow efficiency: 200 day weaning weight/ cow or heifer bred Breed replacements from your most efficient cows	50%		
Calves weaned/100 cows and heifers put to the bull Identifies unproductive cows and/or calves dying before weaning to improve productivity	>94%		
% cows calving in the first 3 weeks Breed replacements from cows that calve in the first 6 weeks of the calving season	>65%		
Age at first calving Heifers calved at 2 years old can increase output if managed well. Target 65% of mature weight at 15 months and feed preferentially as young cows	2 years		
Cows with assisted calvings Difficult calvings reduce cow fertility and calf performance. Choose bulls with good EBVs for calving ease and manage body condition score	<5%		

Service dates			
Service start date (cows)		Service end date (cows)	
Service start date (heifers)		Service end date (heifers)	

Top areas to improve with maternal breeding		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mature cow size	<input type="checkbox"/> Cow longevity	<input type="checkbox"/> Calving interval
<input type="checkbox"/> Temperament	<input type="checkbox"/> Milk production	<input type="checkbox"/> Gestation length
<input type="checkbox"/> Calving ease	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth weight	<input type="checkbox"/> Calf survival
<input type="checkbox"/> Age at first calving		

EBVs to focus on - maternal breeding

Bull details			
Bull/s fertility tested - Date <input type="text"/>			
Bull name/ eartag/breed	Date in with cows	Date out of cows	No. served

AI sire details	
Breeding company name/number	<input type="text"/>
AI technician number	<input type="text"/>
Maternal sires	Terminal sires

Synchronisation programmes			
Group of cattle			
Start date			
Treatment/action			
Day 0			
Day 1			
Day 2			
Day 3			
Day 4			
Day 5			
Day 6			
Day 7			
Day 8			
Day 9			
Day 10			
Day 11			
Day 12			
Day 13			
Day 14			