

The roles of farmers' partners

Aim: To understand the role of farmers' partners/spouses within the family dairy farm business

Examples of tasks partners were regularly undertaking

Administration and business

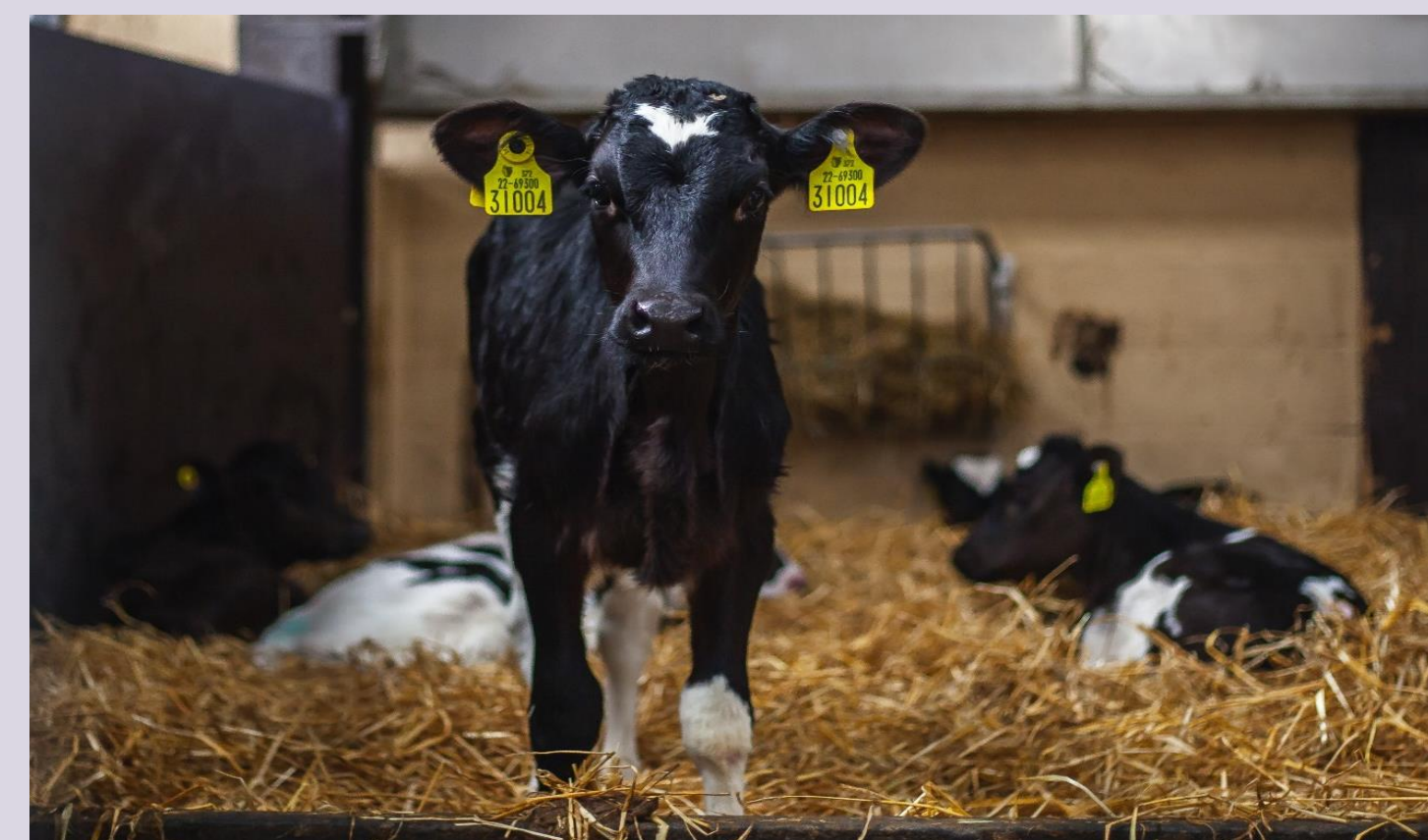
- Planning & decision making
- Dealing with DAFM schemes
- Accounts
- Calf registrations

Human resource management

- Ensuring health & safety
- Coordinating/feeding staff
- Dealing with callers
- Payroll

Physical

- Calf rearing
- Milking



Training, advisory and networking supports required for:

Peer learning

Language of farming

Space to discuss the sensitive issues of finance, partnership & succession

Role development

Take home messages

- Farming is a 'Family Business' – scope to develop and recognise roles that partners play
- Working well together as a family is critical to success of the family farm

+ Majority of domestic / family care roles
+ Own career