

2019 Once a day milking study

Objective: Evaluate fulltime Once a day (OAD) milking, and OAD for first 2, 4 and 6 weeks (in early lactation) compared to Twice A Day milking for a full lactation

	Current milk solids yield (yield) (kg/cow)	Milk fat (%)	Milk protein (%)	Cumulative milk solids yield to date (kg/cow)	
Twice a day milking (Yellow+White)	1.94 (24.2)	4.56	3.50	268	3360
OAD 2 weeks (Yellow+White)	1.87 (23.4)	4.40	3.62	238	2876
OAD 4 Weeks (Yellow+White)	1.82 (23)	4.31	3.47	231	2770
OAD 6 Weeks (Yellow+White)	1.78 (22)	4.47	3.65	255	3037
Fulltime OAD (Blue+White)	1.62 (18.6)	4.82	3.88	228	2615

Mean calving date - Feb 16-23th

Herd EBI €164 (€ 71 Fert)

Concentrate Fed – 215 kg/cow

First service conception 60% - all herds

Currently 18 kg grass + 0.5 kg conc. No mastitis issues (50-180 SCC)