## My approach to managing workload

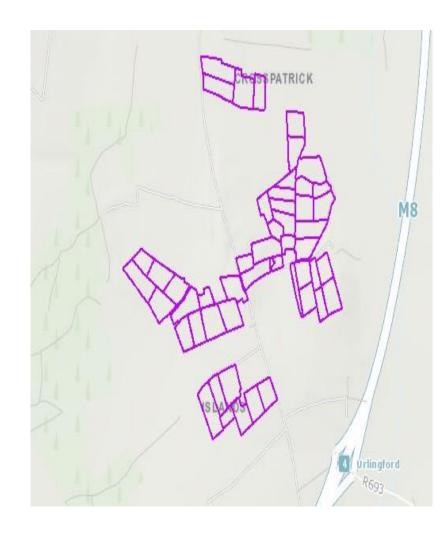
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#### **Farm statistics**

- Whole farm 86ha (2.2 LU/Ha)
- Milking block 66ha (2.15 LU/Ha)
- 150 cows & 35 replacements
- Grass grown 13T DM/Ha
- Herd EBI €204
- 560 MS/kg/cow (1204kg Whole farm/Ha)
- Concentrate fed 800kg





#### Who runs the farm?

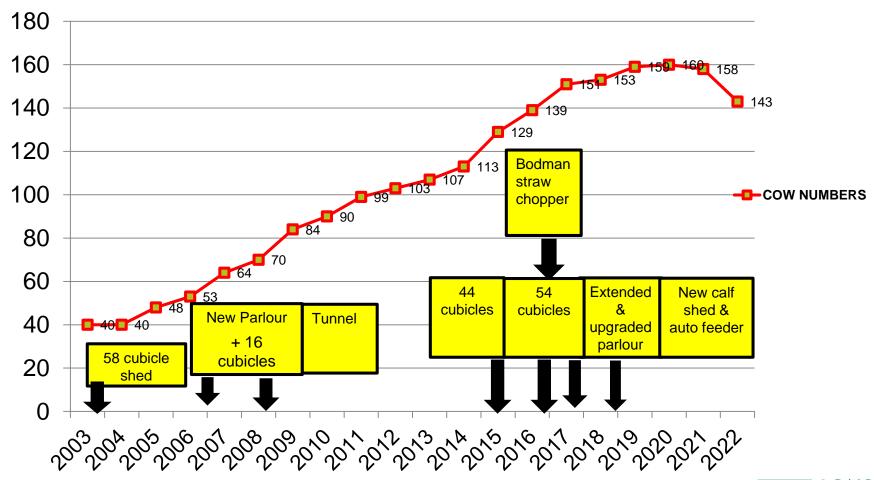
Myself

2 part time employees

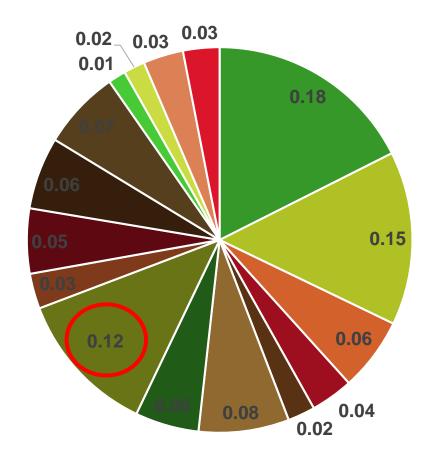
Family help



#### **Development timeline**



# Hired help as a Percentage of Total Costs



- Concentrate
- Fertiliser
- Vet
- Breeding
- Young stock
- Contractor
- Other VC
- Hired labour
- Machinery
- Depr buildings
- Depr machinery
- Car/phone/ESB
- Insurance
- Professional fees
- Repairs & Maint
- Sundry FC



## Milking

- Cow flow / design
- Routine
- Milking times
- Drafting
- Relief milking





# Cow breeding & calf rearing

- Compact calving
- OAD AI
- Heat detection
- Calf shed, auto feeders + milk cart.





## **Grassland management**

- Target covers
- Residuals
- Stocking rates
- Tunnel



#### **Use of Contractors**

- Fertiliser
- Silage
- Slurry
- Payment





## Summary

- Look after students, be fair to them and teach them
- Flexibility with employees
- Investing in facilities & technologies
- Stocking rate and workload
- Review and continue to improve
- Hired Labour = an asset not a cost

