

Dairy systems: Farming today

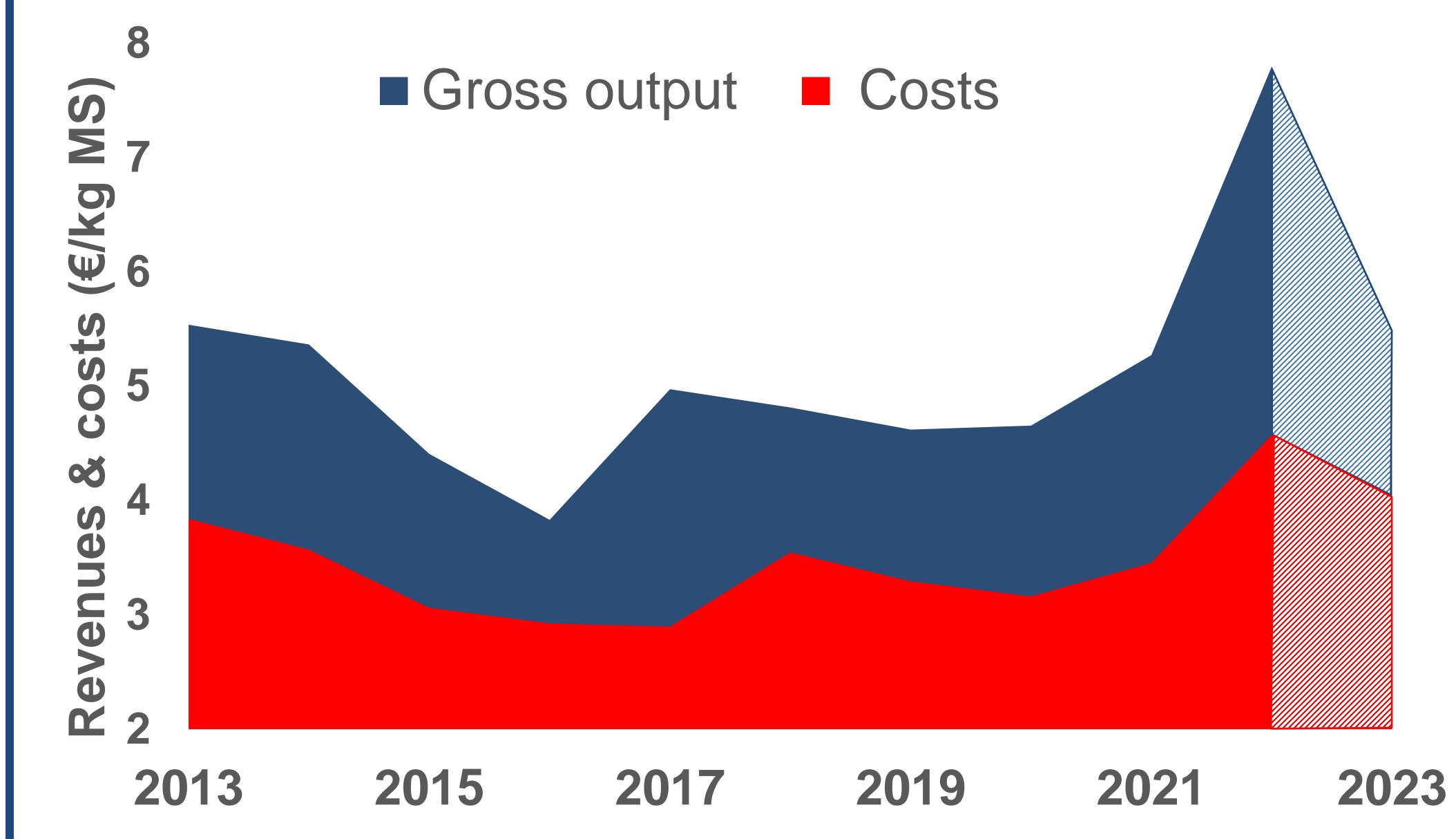
Irish pasture-	based dairy s	ystems in 2023

Opportunities	Challenges		
• +25% sector value	• +32% production costs		
 Highly skilled people 	 Increased expectations 		
 Consumer demand 	 Increased competition 		

KPIs for pasture-based systems

Indicator	2013	Current	Target
6 week calving rate (%)	59	67	90
Herd maturity (calvings/cow)	3.4	3.6	> 4.5
Grazed pasture in the diet (%)	60	57	>70
Pasture utilised (t DM/ha)	6.7	8.0	13.0

Financial focus – Protecting margins

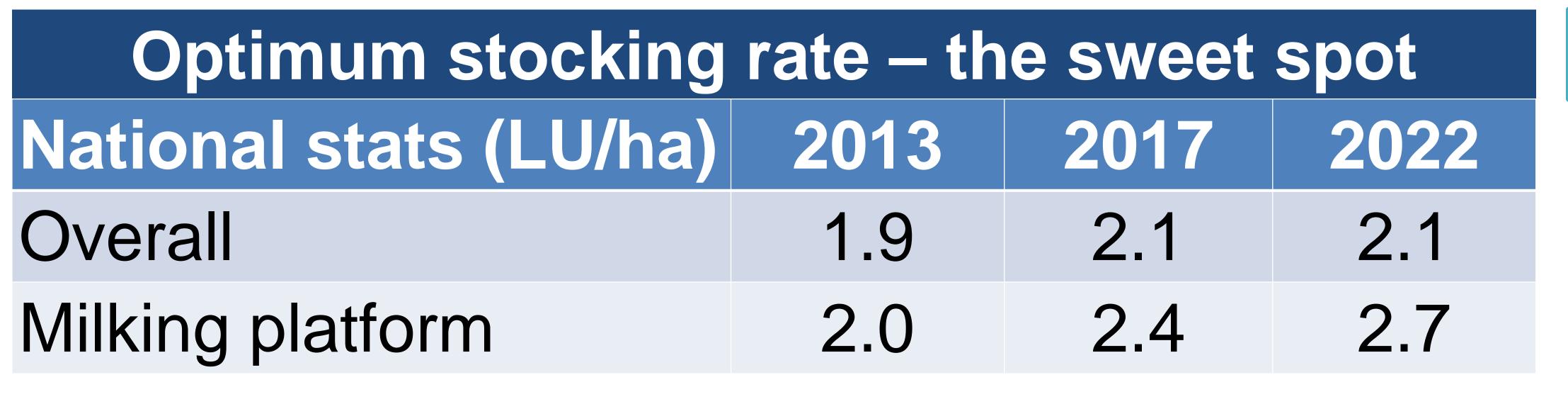


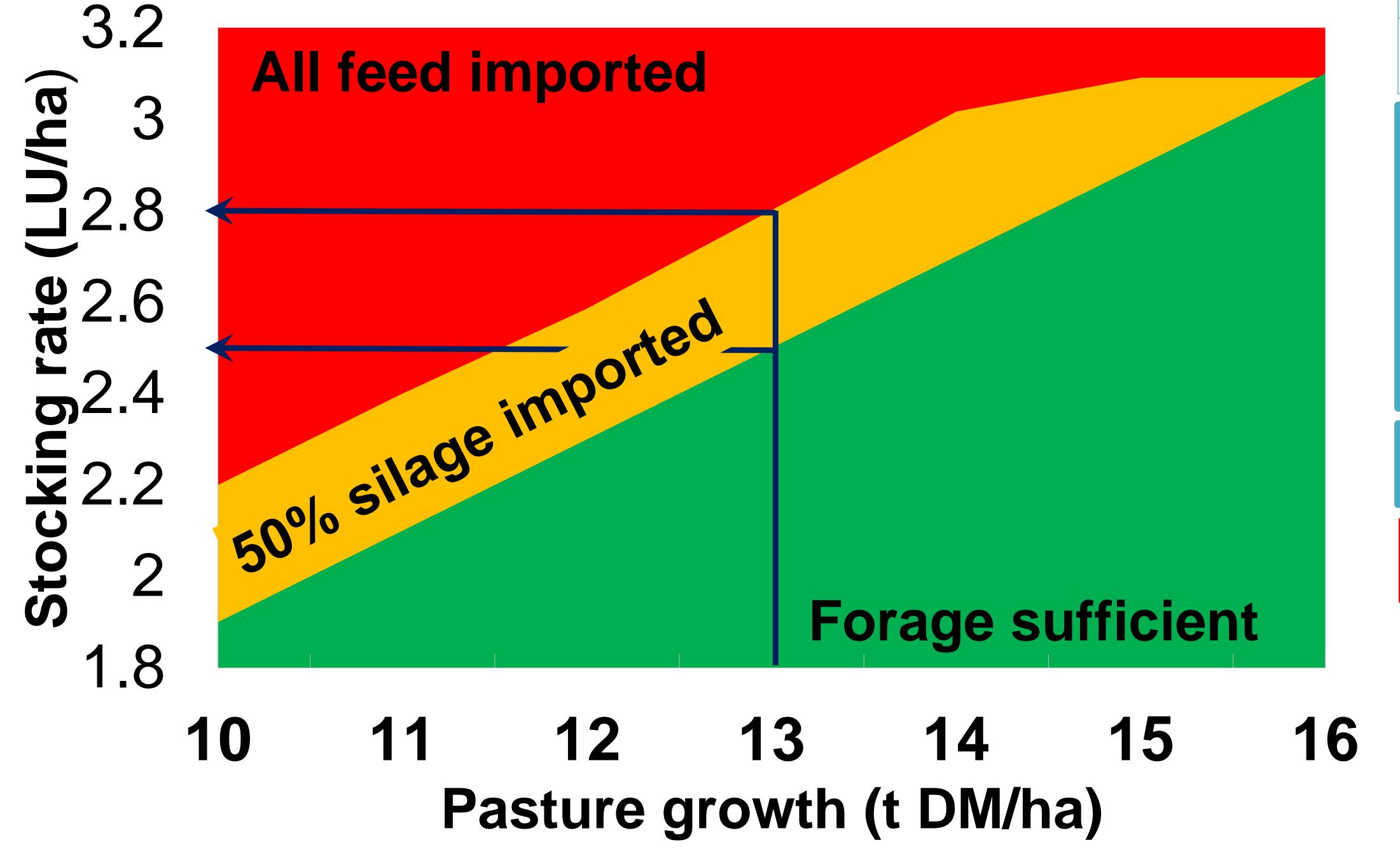
Key actions in 2023

- > Financial & fodder budget prepared
- Reappraise discretionary capex & shop around
- > Identify & make decisions early fodder

with tomorrow in mind







A 50 hour week in spring – it can be done!					
From 1 st Feb to 30 th June	Top 25%	Bottom 25%			
Hours worked per week	51	70			
Start time	06:47	07:00			
Finish time	18:25	19:58			
Labour efficiency (h/cow)	17.4	20.9			

Simple system

- ✓ Efficient grass based system
- ✓ Easy care cow
- ✓ Work organisation outsourcing
- √ Facilities and technologies

Labour efficient farms are more profitable

Take home messages

- Focus on the basics
- Budget and cost control now
- Become the 50 hour farmer!!!