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What are the costs involved in Calf Rearing?



In this article, Gordon Peppard, Teagasc Dairy Beef 500 Advisor looks at the important performance targets for calf rearers this spring and the

typical variable costs associated with calf rearing.

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Minimising the risks of pneumonia



Since developing a calf to beef system on his farm outside of Castledermot, Co. Kildare, Peter Byrne has encountered some issues with pneumonia during the calf rearing phase.

In this article Fergal Maguire, Teagasc Dairy Beef 500 advisor looks at the strategies Peter has implemented at farm level to reduce the impact of pneumonia on his farm.

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With difficult weather and ground conditions this spring how do i manage grass during March??



With wet weather and difficult ground conditions on many farms throughout the country, the opportunities for grazing this spring have been very limited. In this podcast Joseph Dunphy, Teagasc Grass 10 team discusses three checks to assist with the management of grass pastures during the remainder of March.

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Setting the farm up to produce high quality silage this May.



On dairy calf to beef farms there is no place for poor quality silage. Animals must be performing every day that they are on farm. Silage in most cases will make up one quarter to one third of the animals annual diet and therefore all silage fed should be of a very high quality (>72% DMD). This article looks at a simple 10 point plan to produce silage of this high quality this May.

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The importance of genetics in dairy-beef systems to maximise performance & profitability



Paul Delaney dairy farmer, discusses his system where over two thirds of his cows are calved to date. Paul has used a number of continental sires to breed top quality calves.

While selecting sires for gestation length and calving difficulty he has no issue with the sires he's selected while focusing on beef characteristics. He puts a huge value on having two customers for calves that return year on year.

Paul also discusses the value of good calf genetics can have on the whole process from calf birth to finish and further in the processors.

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March update from the Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef Demo Farm



With 2024 born calves now arriving on the farm. Read about all the current happening's on the Tipperary Dairy calf to beef demo farm in Ballyvadin, Co. Tipperary.

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