# Checklist for pre-calving tasks and supplies

| Task | Due date | ✓ Done | Notes |
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| **Calving area** | | | |
| Wash, disinfect and bed calving area | | | |
| Calving gate working properly | | | |
| Prepare a calving kit – jack, leg ropes, gloves and lubricant | | | |
| **Calf shed** | | | |
| Wash, disinfect and bed calf shed | | | |
| Order tags | | | |
| Buy electrolytes | | | |
| Tagger, tags, navel disinfectant, stomach tube and straw in calf shed | | | |
| Have a fridge and freezer for storing colostrum | | | |
| **Milking Parlour** | | | |
| Service milking machine and change liners | | | |
| Buy teat dip and detergents | | | |
| Have tape and marking spray in the parlour pit | | | |
| Stock up on calcium and magnesium etc. | | | |
| **Grazing** | | | |
| Farm map with paddocks labelled on display | | | |
| Fence reels repaired or replaced or purchased and stored centrally | | | |
| Fences checked and repaired | | | |
| Temporary fences put up immediately after Urea is applied | | | |
| Urea/ slurry spread when appropriate | | | |
| Roadways cleaned and repaired | | | |
| **Animal care** | | | |
| Train in calf heifers to milking parlour | | | |
| Clip in calf heifer's tails | | | |
| Silage analysed for DMD, UFL, PDI and Trace elements | | | |
| Dry cow diet, feeding plan in place, and supplementation purchased if required | | | |
| Thin cows sorted & fed to gain ½ to 1 of a condition score | | | |
| Dry cow minerals ordered to compliment silage mineral results | | | |
| Treat dry cows for fluke and worms | | | |
| Vaccinate cows according to farm vaccination plan (calf scours etc.) | | | |
| **Office** | | | |
| Dedicated office space and tidy the area | | | |
| Stock up on supplies – pens, envelopes, stamps, folders, boxes etc | | | |
| **Personal** | | | |
| Have a spare set of wellies, wet gear | | | |
| Visit GP for a check-up | | | |
| **Other** | | | |
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