



	Continental	Dairy X
Purchase Weight October (kg)	500	450
Weight gain		
Winter 90 days/70 days	100kg	77kg
Silage required (tonnes)	2.6T	1.8T
Meal kg/head/day	5	5
Liveweight at sale (kg)	600	542
Carcass weight (kg)	330	271
Purchase weight	500	450
Assumed Purchase Price (€/kg/liveweight)	4.74	4.2
Purchase Price (€/head)	2370	1890
Plus costs:(€/head)		
Variable Costs(€)	342	246
Fixed Costs (€)	63	49
Total Costs (€)	405	295
Breakeven selling price required (€/head)	2775	2185
Breakeven selling price required (€/kg carcass)	8.41	8.06



**Effect of Autumn 2025 Store Price on Breakeven Price Required Winter 2025/
Spring 2026**

	Continental	Dairy X
Lower Store Prices Autumn 2025		
€ per kg liveweight	4.54	4
Breakeven price required €/kg carcass	8.11	7.73
Assumed Store Price Autumn 2025		
€ per kg liveweight	4.74	4.2
Breakeven price required €/kg carcass	8.41	8.06
Higher Store Prices Autumn 2025		
€ per kg liveweight	4.94	4.4
Breakeven price required €/kg carcass	8.71	8.39

Assumptions

- Very good levels of efficiency with a high average daily gain.
- Meal cost of €340 per tonne

Silage quality critical to performance

- Well preserved
- 25% DM
- 72% DMD
- Cost of €45 per tonne

Continental Heifer ADG

- Finishing Period 1.15kg/head/day
- Kill-Out 55%
- Daily intake 2% of body weight



Assumptions

Dairy X Heifer ADG

- Finishing Period 1.1kg/head/day
- Kill-Out 50%
- Daily intake 2.1% of body weight
- Good animal health – dosing and other health costs at €6 per head
- Transport and marketing at €40 per head.
- Half the interest cost on feed and animals borrowed at 7%.
- No mortality assumed.
- Selling price required only covers variable and fixed costs and does not include a margin.
- Calculate the selling price required including a margin on finishing:

Margin required (€)

Carcass Weight (kg)

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**Breakeven Price
required (€/kg)**

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**Selling Price
Required (€/kg)**