

Transition program review

WORKSHEET

How well has the transition program implemented on this farm performed? What changes need to be made?

Enter the result achieved for each of the key parameters below and compare it to the target.

FARM NAME: _____

Date: _____

1 Pre-calving transition diet fed

	Aim for	Result	Comment
Average days cows fed diet	21 days		
Average days heifers fed diet	21 days		
Daily DM intake per cow	10-12 kg/day		
Diet specifications:			
Metabolisable energy	Greater than 11 MJ ME/kg DM 100-120 MJ ME/day		
Crude protein	14 to 16% DM		
NDF	Greater than 36%		
Calcium	Less than 0.6% DM		
Phosphorus	Less than 0.4% DM		
Magnesium	Greater than 0.45% DM		
DCAD	Less than 80 mEq/kg DM		

2 Fresh cow health problems

	Aim for	Result	Comment
Milk fever	Less than 1%		
Retained placenta/RFMs	Less than 4%		
Assisted calvings	Less than 2%		
Displaced abomasums (LDAs/RDAs)	Less than 1%		
Ketosis	Less than 1%		
Mastitis	Less than 5 cases / 100 cows in first 30 days		
Grass tetany	0%		
Lameness	Less than 2% with Score 2 or 3		
Ruminal acidosis	Less than 1%		
Endometritis/vaginal discharge after 14 days	Less than 3%		

3 Milk production, milk quality, herd reproductive performance and body condition

	Aim for	Result	Comment
Average litres/kg milk solids per cow at first herd test	More than last year		
Average fat % at first herd test	More than last year		
Average protein % at first herd test	More than last year		
% of cows with a Fat : Protein Ratio more than 1.4 at first herd test	Less than 40%		
% of cows with a Fat : Protein Ratio less than 1.0 at first herd test	Less than 10%		

Body condition	Aim for	Result	Comment
Average Body Condition Score – late lactation/dry off	4.5–5.5		
Average Body Condition Score – calving	4.5–5.5		
Average Body Condition loss between calving and mating	Less than 0.6 BCS units		

Seasonal/split calving herd	Aim for	Result	Comment
6-week in-calf rate	More than 71%		
3-week submission rate	More than 86%		

Year-round calving herd	Aim for	Result	Comment
100-day in-calf rate	More than 58%		
80-day submission rate	More than 73%		

What happened and what you learnt

What you planned to do	What happened	What you will do differently from now on