

Labour Efficiency and Spring Workload



Edition 1

Spring Management Series 2025

Get organised and get ahead

✓	Prepare rosters and assign jobs before calving starts.
✓	Set a finishing time for the day, this will help plan the day. e.g. 6pm.
✓	Consider bringing forward your evening milking to 3.30 - 4pm. No adverse effect to yield or milk quality with a 16:8 hour milking interval.
✓	Complete any Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that are needed.
✓	Ensure all calving equipment and supplies needed are stocked up and accessible.
✓	Complete outstanding paperwork and order tags before calving begins.
✓	Have a clear marking system in place for fresh/antibiotic cows.
✓	Train heifers to the parlour before calving starts.
✓	Get a grass walk done early and set up paddocks that are most suitable before calving.
✓	Check soil results and order spring fertiliser.
✓	Buy yourself time - Book your contractor for slurry and fertiliser this Spring.

Labour Saving Equipment for Spring 2025

Milk Cart

- ▶ Reduces lifting/dragging.
- ▶ Saves time.



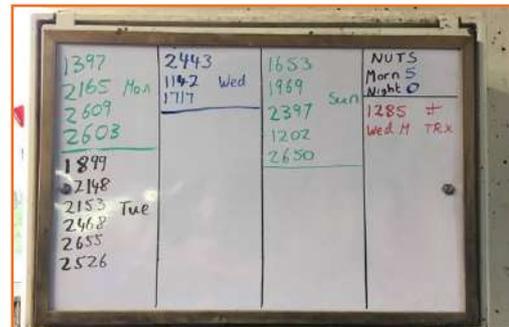
Stock and Organised calving supplies

- ▶ Easy to check stock of supplies
- ▶ Saves time.



Whiteboard

- ▶ List jobs for the day/week.
- ▶ Write up antibiotic cows.
- ▶ Use different colour pens for different cows e.g. Red = antibiotic/Blue = freshly calved.



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