

Animal Health & Milk Quality

Edition 1

Spring Management Series 2025



Get organised and get ahead

✓	Book your milk recording – Key to managing SCC this spring. Record cows within 60 days of calving to see how effective your dry cow treatment was. Mid-March to Mid-April for most Spring calving herds.
✓	Clinical mastitis is easily detected, and the cow will display outward signs of infection. Sub-Clinical is much harder to detect. High bulk tank SCC is the first sign.
✓	Have a clear protocol for managing freshly calved cows – Easily identifiable e.g., red tape on tail/legs and remove when going to the bulk tank.
✓	Have a colostrum management plan in place. 22% or higher on the Brix refractometer indicates high quality colostrum.
✓	Follow the Colostrum 1, 2, 3 to give calves the best start. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 1st milking ▶ Give within 2 hours of birth ▶ Feed at least 3 litres

Milk Recording

✓	Book your milk recording if not already done. This is essential to manage SCC in the spring and check the success of your dry cow treatment.
✓	Assess calf health, if scour is present, separate sick calves and identify the cause.
✓	Calf scour tests are handy and a quick way to identify the cause of scour in calves.

