

Table 1: BETTER Farm case study cow-calf unit costs

	Autumn calver	Spring calver	Your costs here
Feed costs			
Total cost of pit silage @ €25/t	225	160	
Cost of straw fed @ €15/bale	0	7.5	
Cost of hay fed @ €25/bale	12.5	0	
Total meal costs @ €230/t	40.25	0	
Total grazing costs	168	240	
Total feed costs	445.75	407.5	
Veterinary costs			
Testing (TB/brucellosis)	5	5	
Other veterinary costs	10	15	
Dosing (fluke/worms)	5	5	
Leptospirosis	3	3	
Scour	10	10	
BVD	6	6	
Salmonella	7	7	
Tetany control	5	7	
Minerals (copper/iodine)	7	0	
Dry cow minerals	3	15	
Other	6	0	
Total veterinary costs	67	73	
Sundry costs			
Straw bedding	10	5	
Scanning	5	5	
Total sundry costs	15	10	
Weanling costs			
Total meal costs @ €230/t	34.5	1.25	
Grazing costs	40	20	
Dosing costs	5	5	
Bovipast	18	5	
Blackleg	3	3	
Other	6	2	
Total weanling costs	106.5	36.25	
Breeding			
Bull cost/cow	0	35	
AI costs/cow	26	0	
Synchronisation/cow	1.5	0	
Breeding cost/cow	27.5	35	
Replacement costs			
Replacement cost/cow	0	30	
Total cost of cow	661.75	591.75	
Weanling cost	106.5	36.25	
Total	768.25	628	