

How Much Does it Cost to Rear a Heifer in Your Herd?

- 1. £750
- 2. £1,000
- 3. £1,500
- 4. £1,750
- 5. Don't know

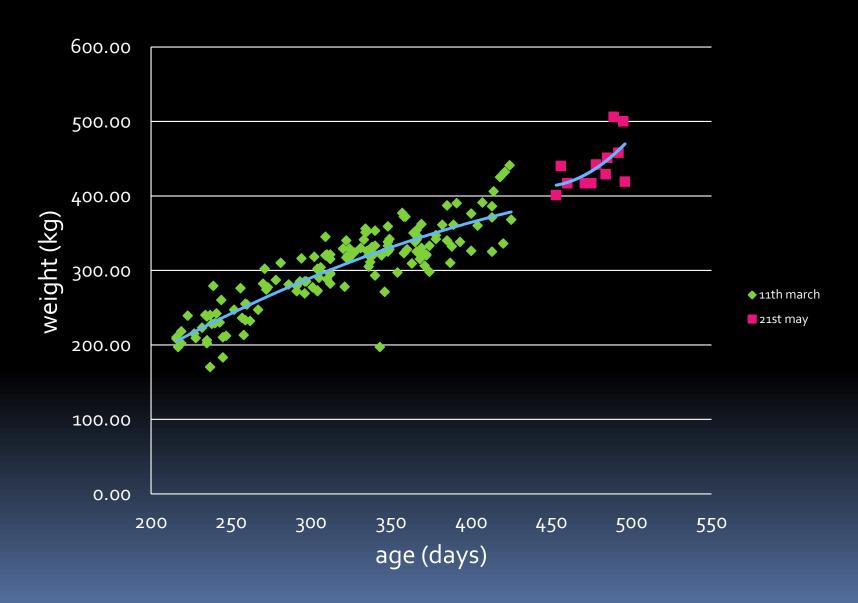
Heifer Rearing Costs Vary

- 1. Number of heifers required:
 - a) Mortality rate
 - b) Cull rate
- 2. Age at first calving:
 - a) Growth rate of heifers
 - b) Fertility management

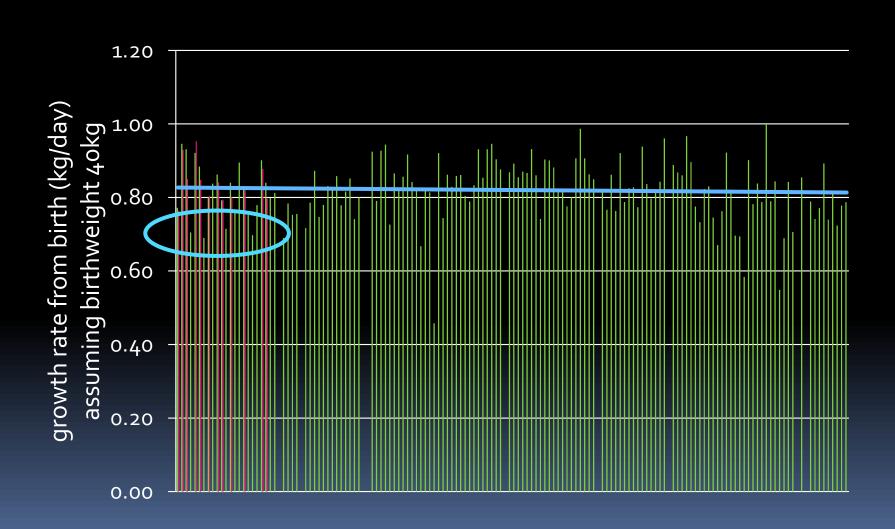


	Heifer
	Mortality
Heifers born before June 2012	18%
Heifers born June 2012-June 2013	11.8%
Heifers born June 2013-June 2014	5.7%

Heifer Weights 2014



Growth Rates to May 2014



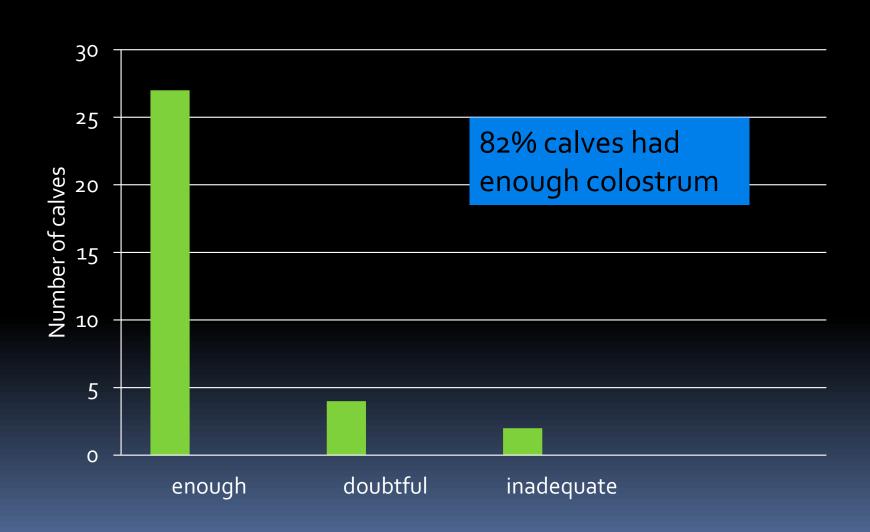
Attention to Detail

- Stockmanship
- Identification of sick calves
- Hygiene
- Bedding
- Feeding





Adequacy of Colostrum Intake





Why is High Early Growth Rate (to 60 days) Important?

- 1. Higher milk yield first lactation
- 2. Lower calf mortality
- 3. Earlier Age at First Calving
- 4. Higher survival to second lactation
- 5. Higher lifetime milk yield
- 6. All of the above