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Assessing herd fertility losses

Assess the financial losses your herd is incurring using the FERTEX Calculation in Section 5 (Example 5.1) and compare it with standards derived from DAISY herds.

Year/group	Actual	Target	Excess over target	Cost per unit (£)	Cost (£/cow)
	A	B	C = A – B	D	E = C x D
Calving Interval (days) **1**		365		2.30	
Failure to Conceive Culling Rate (%) **2**		6		6.3	
Total cost (£/cow) **3 = 1 + 2**					
Herd size (cows) **4**					
Total cost (£/herd) **5 = 3 x 4**					
Average yield (litres/cow) **6**					
Total cost (p/litre) **= (3 ÷ 6) x 100**					

Financial loss standards for various DAISY herd performance levels

Performance level	Target	Good	Problem	Severe problem
Total cost (£/cow)	0	50	100	> 150
Total cost (p/litre)	0	0.83	1.66	> 2.50