

Body Condition Scoring

Record the Body Condition Scores of your whole herd or specific cow groups at calving and service and prior to and at drying-off using the BCS system set out in **Section 7 (Figures 7.3 and 7.4)** as the basis for fine-tuning nutrition to optimise fertility.

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Condition Score at calving and service

Group								
Cow identity	Calving problems	BCS at calving	BCS at 1 month post-calving		BCS at 2 months post-calving		BCS at 3 months post-calving	
			Actual	Change	Actual	Change	Actual	Change
Targets	NONE	3-3.5	2.5-3.0	- 0.5-1.0	2.0-2.5	- 0.5-1.0	2.5-3.0	- 0.5
Summary								
					Number	Percentage		
Too Fat at Calving								
Too Thin at Calving								
Losing more than target		at 1 Month						
		at 2 Months						
		at 3 Months						
Pregnancy Rate (%)								

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Condition Score prior to and at drying-off

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Group			
Cow identity	BCS 1 month prior to drying-off	BCS at drying-off	BCS at calving target
Target	3.0	3.0-3.5	3.0-3.5
Summary			
		Number	Percentage
Too fat at drying-off			
Too thin at drying-off			
Calving problems			