

MILKMINDER

JANUARY 2021 Monthly Report

A brief summary of the month's results



KEY MONTHLY FIGURES

Since January 2020, the average total feed cost per litre has risen by **0.43p**



In the last **12 months** we've seen an average milk price increase of



1.04 p/litre

A rise in milk income of **£9.22 per cow** has been offset by an increased feed cost of **£3.62 per cow**

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THE TOP 20% OF FARMS

We usually find some notable differences between the top-performing farms and the average group, and this month is no different with the TOP 20% PRODUCING



A margin that is **£458 PER COW** greater than that of the average group

On a 200-herd farm this equates to an advantage of **£91,600**



An additional **1,352 litres** of yield per cow in milk



A calving rate of **101.9%** In comparison to the average group of farms, this is an additional **3%**

COMPARISON TO JANUARY 2020

Margin per herd is **£1,132 higher** at **£34,797**



and **0.61ppl** higher

The butterfat percentage has risen from

4.160 to **4.282**

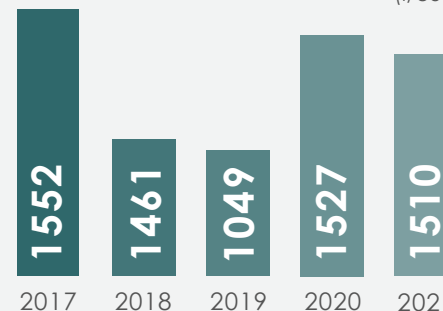


We've seen an increase in monthly concentrate price per tonne of



6%

When looking at **yield from grazed forage** across a sample of farms, we can see that there's been a steady rise from 2018 to 2020 (l/cow)



Over the past five years, we've seen the cost of feed per cow rise at a rapid rate. Although it had started to level off slightly over the last couple of years, we know that prices are now higher than we have seen for some time. With this in mind, it has become more important than ever to maximise inputs from grazing.

Not only is it nearly always the cheapest food, but our analysis of a sample of farms also reveals that yield from grazed forage has grown steadily over the past four years. To keep identifying ways to increase contribution from forage, farms will need to invest in a grazing infrastructure.

The spring provides an opportunity to look at setting objectives, including measuring production, growth rate and managing swards tightly to maintain quality and reduce waste. Here are some of our top tips for tackling the grazing season:

- Target sward heights: high yielders 7-10 cm, low yielders 6-8 cm, dry cows 4-6 cm
- Remove milking cows when 90% of the sward is down to 6 cm height
- Get cows to fresh grass after morning and evening milking

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Since 2017, we've seen a rise in **total feed cost per cow**

2017 **547**

2018 **609**

2019 **693**

2020 **679**

2021 **684**