

MILKMINDER

February 2021 Monthly Report

A brief summary of the month's results



KEY MONTHLY FIGURES

Since February 2020, we've seen an average milk price increase of

1.6 p/litre



This has been offset by a rise in feed cost per litre, increasing from **8.45p** to **8.98p**



The butterfat percentage has risen to

4.244 %



THE TOP 20% OF FARMS

If we compare the top-performing farms with the average group, we can see that the TOP 20% PRODUCED

1,401

litres per cow more per year



On a per-cow basis this equates to a margin of

£463

An additional **3.8 litres** of milk per cow per day



A feed cost of **8.16 p/litre** This is lower than the average group of farms, who have a feed cost of **7.99 p/litre**

COMPARISON TO February 2020

The monthly concentrate price per tonne has risen from

£234

to **£253**



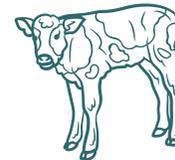
The protein percentage has fallen to **3.338 %**



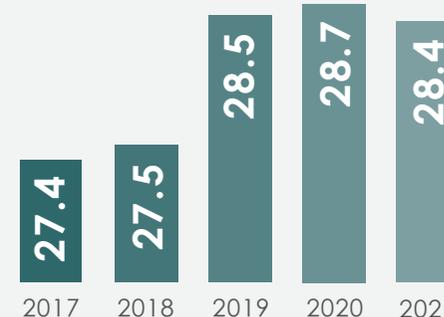
We've seen a

1.8 %

increase in calving rate



Since 2017, we seen an increase in yield per cow in milk per day



Whether you are looking for high yields per cow, or to maximise silage intakes and get high yields from forage, your cows need grass silage to be palatable above all else. That depends on your management of the crop!

Here are our top tips for silage success:

Concentrate on good ryegrass-based swards: Secondary grasses and old pastures have lower yields and sugars, so modify the fertiliser applied if you have to ensile these.

Do not use excessive nitrogen: The absolute maximum N for most dairy farms is 75-105 units per acre depending on the sward and soil fertility, unless following corn.

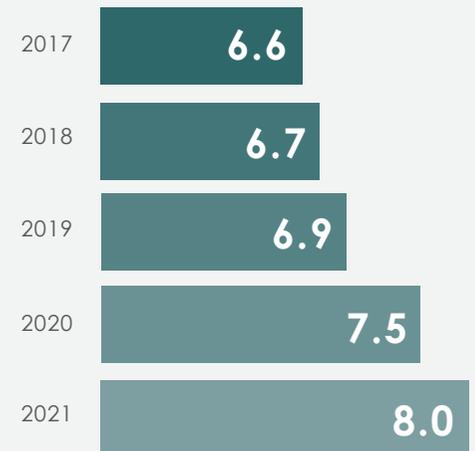
Make full allowance for the nutrient N.P.K value of all slurry applied: And it must be included in the maximum N recommended.

Cut dry: Ten inches of wet grass, cut at 9 am, and banded into a swath, does not wilt effectively! An open swath wilts five times faster than a sward that has been rolled up, and a swath that has been through a conditioner may wilt up to ten times faster. Mow when the crop is dry, with no dew or rain on it.

Cut high: Leave at least three inches of aftermath and leave the base rubbish in the sward bottom.

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There has been a steady rise in yield from all forage per cow per day



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