

Target Rates for Herd Health Problems in the Transition Period

Table 1: Achievable targets for cow health problems (expressed as percentage or number of cases per 100 cows within the first 14 days of calving)

Health problem	Target	Seek help if
Milk fever	1% (1 in 100 cows) Cows older than 8 years 2% (2 in 100 cows)	More than 3% (3 in 100 cows)
Retained placenta	Less than 4% (4 in 100 cows)	More than 6% (6 in 100 cows)
Assisted calvings	Less than 2% (2 in 100 cows)	More than 3% (3 in 100 cows)
Displaced abomasums (LDAs/RDAs)	Less than 1% (1 in 100 cows)	More than 2% (2 in 100 cows)
Clinical ketosis	Less than 1% (1 in 100 cows)	More than 2% (2 in 100 cows)
Clinical mastitis (within the first month of calving)	Less than 5% (5 in 100 cows)	More than 5% (5 in 100 cows)
Lameness	Less than 2% (2 per 100 cows)	More than 4% (4 per 100 cows)
Clinical rumen acidosis	0% (0 per 100 cows)	More than 1% (1 per 100 cows)
Uterine infections/endometritis/vaginal discharge (more than two weeks after calving)	Less than 3% (3 per 100 cows)	More than 10% (10 per 100 cows)

Based on the following data sets: Morton, Curtis, Beckett, Moss, Stevenson.