

Countdown to CALVING checklist

8-12 WEEKS TO CALVING

Aim for 3-3.25 BCS before drying off, and 2.5-3 BCS at calving. Gradually adjust energy levels to hit targets before the critical dry period.



6-8 WEEKS TO CALVING

Allow cows sufficient time for them to repair and prepare. Proactively bolus as part of drying off protocol to ensure cattle have ENOUGH trace elements to meet elevated needs of cow and calf.



1-3 WEEKS TO CALVING

Supply a moderately energy-dense diet to counteract reduced DMI and help meet energy demands. Consider separating cows into a pen to increase comfort and reduce stress. Dose with EasyCal if low calcium risk.



AROUND THE TIME OF CALVING

Monitor cows closely. Cleansing should pass within 12–24 hours of calving. Temperature should be at 38.6–38.8°C. Double energy and protein levels. Consider rehydration powders to encourage intake.



1 WEEK POST-CALVING

Keep a close eye and rectify any issues quickly. Provide cows and calves with a diet that meets energy, mineral and trace element requirements.

