

Fertility recording and monitoring spreadsheet

Instructions

Set up

1. Enter the farm name and address at the top
2. Enter the date in the yellow box next to 'Date' - this will affect which dates are over due and flagged up.
3. After discussions with your vet enter the 'target' or 'trigger' time periods on the top right boxes.

General

1. Only enter data in the yellow boxes
2. If events are over due - e.g. PD dates - then they will have an X next to them.
3. Little red triangles in a cell corner mean there are instruction comments; hover over the cell to see them.

Data entry

- As cows calve put their name or number in the second column and the calving date in the third column
- The dates they are ready to be served and the date they would be due to be seen by the vet will be shown
- When they are served then enter the service dates as first, second, etc.
- The date the cows may return (21 days later) will be displayed as will the PD date
- When a cow is PD'd then put a Y for Yes or an N for No in the PD Column
- The date the cow should calve and she should be dried off are should in columns R and T
- Cows overdue to be dried off will have an X next to them.
- There are some simple date checks included to spot typo's - where errors are spotted then the cell background changes to red.

Security

- I have locked parts of the spreadsheet; the only cells that are protected are the ones that contain the complex
- equations and logic to do the calculations. You are welcome to cut and paste the data into other spreadsheets and
- programs. Similarly these data would be an ideal base for an NMR recorder or for setting up an InterHerd recording system.
- If you need to up-protect the sheets to make alterations the password is 'tom'. The protection just stops inadvertant over-writing.

New sheets

- When you get to the end of a sheet (about 100 cows) please start a new sheet rather than re-use the original one.
- A spare new sheet can be found within this spreadsheet or you can download a new one from
- www.chalcombe.co.uk/downloads
- When you have finished a sheet please email me a copy at DrTomChamberlain@aol.com
- I will have a look at your data and offer comments as to how you are getting on and how you compare to national standards.
- Please remember to put in your milk yield as high-yielding herds have different fertility targets than low yielding herds.
- If you make any BIG changes such as starting routine visits, installing heattime etc. then I suggest you start a new sheet so you
- can see your performance before and after. Or you can copy and alter the performance analysis equations
- so that they just relate to the more recent info.

I hope you find this spreadsheet helpful -please feel free to copy it around as much as you want to.