

# Managing Heifer Fertility

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Please circle one answer only e.g. **A**

What is the average age of first calving on UK dairy herds?

- 24 months
- 26 months
- 28 months
- 30 months

If heifers first calve at 28 months rather than 25 months, rearing costs increase by:

- 0%
- 2%
- 5%
- 10%

If heifers first calve at 28 months rather than 25 months, the number of heifers you need on farm (with 25% replacement rate) increase from 55 to:

- 65
- 62
- 58
- 56

Calving heifers at 23 months rather than 28 months increases lifetime productivity by:

- 1%
- 10%
- 20%
- 30%

To get heifers calving before 25 months of age, they need to be to enter puberty at:

- 15 months
- 12 months
- 9 months
- 6 months

Target weight at mating is what % of adult weight?

55%

50%

45%

40%

To get an average age at first calving of 24 months mating needs to start at:

16 months

15 months

14 months

12 months

Target weight before first calving is what % of adult weight?

100%

110%

75%

90%

What is the target BCS for heifers at calving (1-5 scale)?

2.5 to 3.0

2.5

3.0

3.5 to 4

Synchronising heifers for insemination:

Results in poor pregnancy rates

Reduces calf value

Reduces genetic improvement

Reduces time spent observing oestrus