

Out-wintering Beef Cattle

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

- Which of the following categories of livestock is most appropriate for out-wintering?
 - Dairy cows
 - Autumn-calving beef cows
 - Store cattle
 - Adult beef cows calving in the spring
- Potential advantages of out-wintering beef cows include:
 - Lower incidence of lameness such as foul-in-the-foot
 - Reduced risk of hypomagnesaemic tetanus (grass staggers)
 - Reduced feeding and bedding costs
 - Reduced incidence of respiratory disease
- Potential disadvantages of out-wintering include:
 - Poaching around restricted feed areas/ring feeders
 - More problems with ectoparasites such as lice
 - Increased feeding and bedding costs
 - Cows may get overfat leading to calving problems
- Which of the following is NOT applicable to the out-wintering of cattle?
 - The provision of shelter is paramount
 - Forage should be placed on a relatively low piece of ground for added shelter
 - Forage should be placed on relatively high area of ground for better drainage
 - The feeding site should be readily accessible to farm vehicles
- For spring-calving beef cows out-wintered on extensive grazing systems typical stocking densities would be one cow per:
 - 0.5 hectares
 - 0.5 – 1.5 hectares
 - 1.5 – 3 hectares
 - 3 – 5 hectares