

# Fertility Management

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**Increase milk output**

**Shorten calving interval**

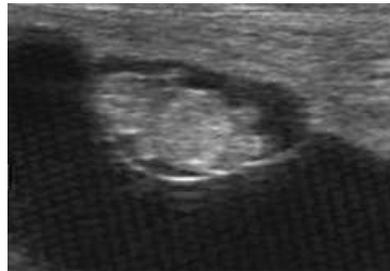
**Reduce culls for fertility**

**Manage BCS**

**Increase profit**

### Why routine fertility visits

We all know that to produce milk a cow needs to calf first. To achieve as many peak lactations and a good life time yield, intense fertility management is vital on a modern dairy farm these days. Well managed fertility will mean less involuntary culling for fertility, better management of cow body condition and increased profits.



### Routine fertility visits

One of the cornerstones of our services to dairy farmers are routine fertility visits. As no farm is the same all routine fertility visits are tailored to meet the needs of each individual farm.

Our most comprehensive fertility management programme will include:

- 1: checking every cow after calving for endometritis (whites) to make sure the uterus is ready for the next pregnancy.
- 2: checking every cow that didn't come in heat at the expected moment for ovarian activity and bring them in heat where possible or treat any ovarian disorders where necessary.
- 3: from 30 days after service using our modern ultra sound equipment to see if cows are in calf. If they are not, they will be brought in heat again to keep calving intervals at a minimum.

### More than just fertility

Although most fertility visits focus on getting cows in calf we will also concentrate on nutrition and cow health. Animals that are struggling with negative energy balance or disease will almost always fail to either show any signs of heat or to conceive. As we perform the fertility examinations we will assess faecal consistency and body condition scores. We are always vigilant for any signs that might indicate the cows are not 100% fertile. The best results will only be achieved when farmer and vet work closely together as a team.

### Even more than just fertility

Routine fertility visits are also a great opportunity to look at all other health and production related aspects of the farm. Udder health, young stock as well as nutrition and production, can be monitored on a regular basis to help ensure a healthy herd and a profitable farm

### Individual cow fertility

We also offer "repeat breeder services" for individual cows that do not get in calf. We can offer extended hormonal treatment, deep uterine washouts in case of persistent chronic endometritis and "last chance" embryo implantations for animals that can not conceive through normal service.



### Seasonal herds

We can offer special fertility programmes for seasonal calving herds such as synchronisation and optimising health during breeding season.