

Getting Spring ready

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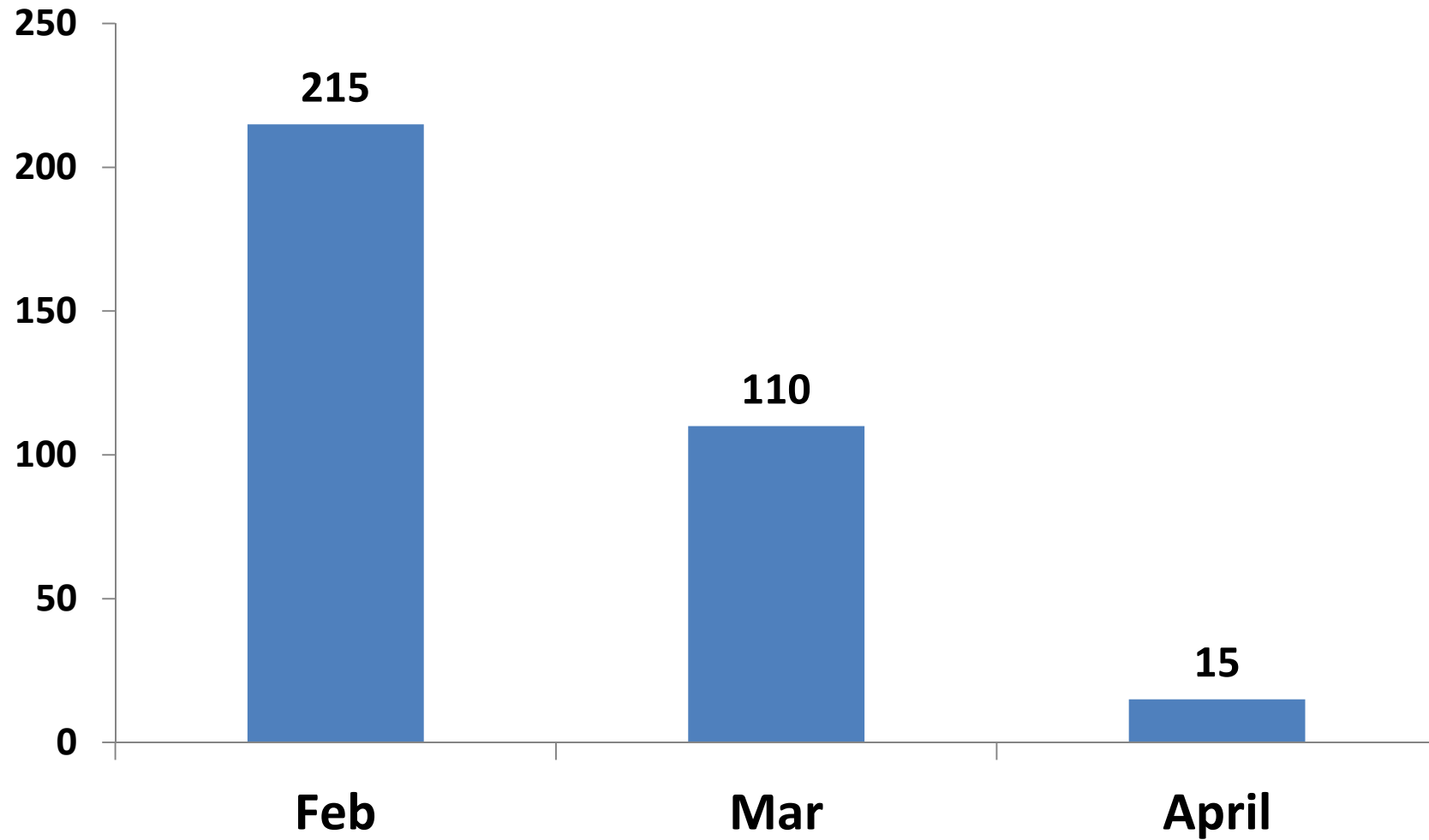
Introduction

- Where I am
- Next spring's tsunami
- Preparation preparation preparation

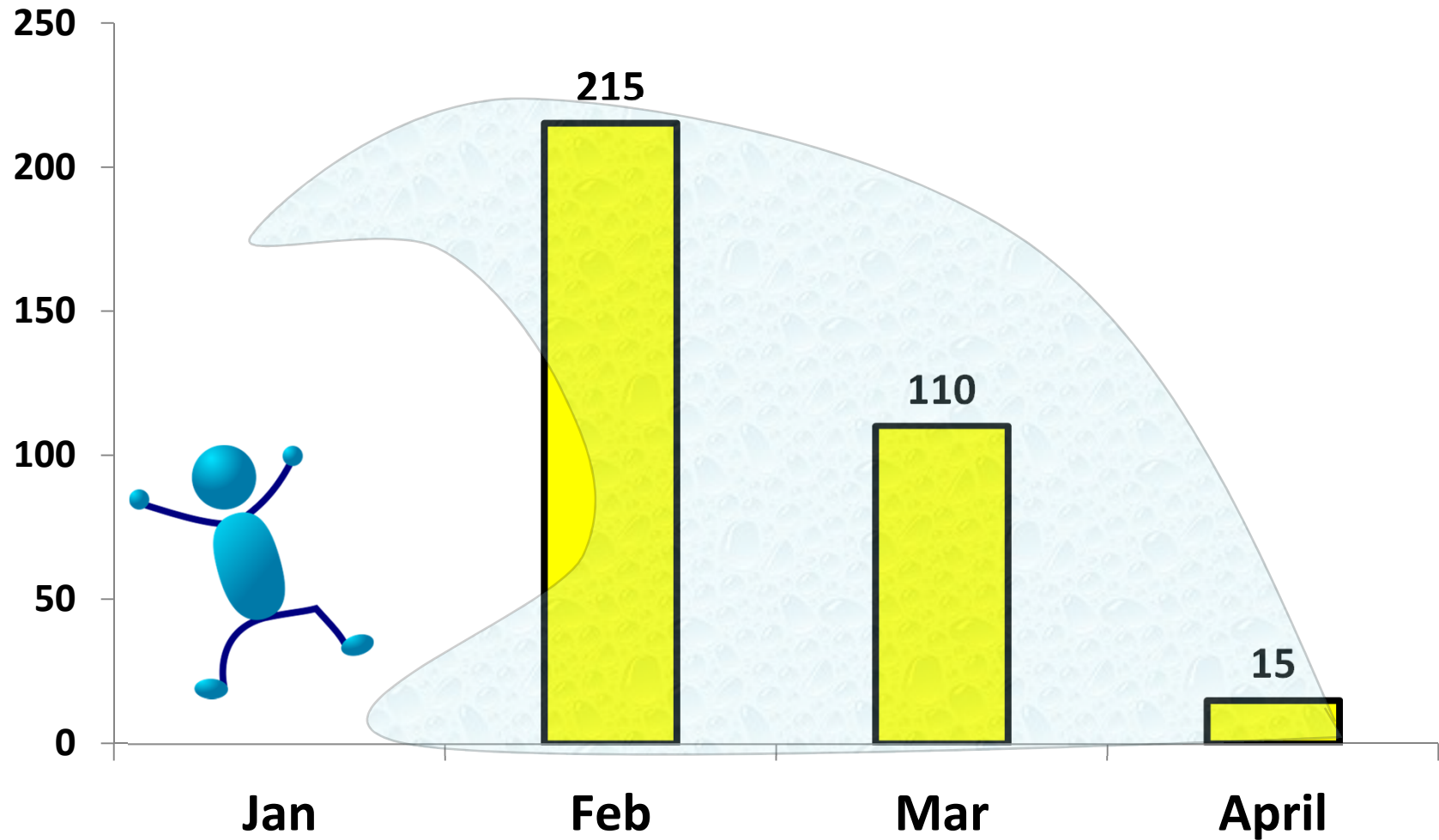
2017 Herd Performance

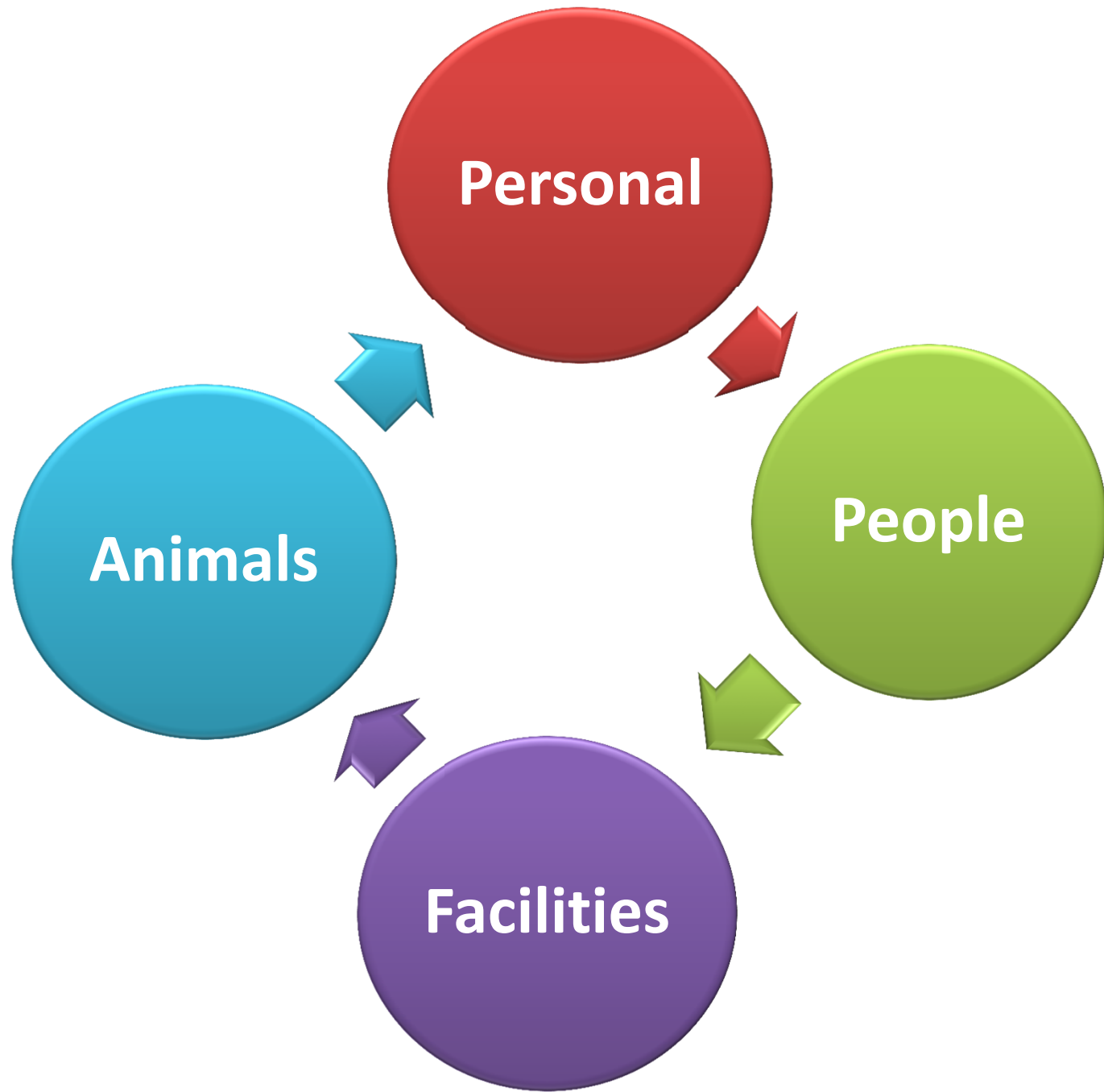
- Farm Size – 121ha (100ha MP) 304 cows: Overall 2.6 LU/ha
- 1.5 million litres sold: 4,934 litres fat 4.74% protein 3.90%
- 439 Kg MS sold/cow: 1,335 kg MS/ MP ha
- 16.5 ton grass grown: 400 kg meal
- Average milk price 41.25 c/litre
- Herd EBI €122 Kiwi X herd
- 9% empty after 15 weeks / 365d calving interval

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Animals

Cow

- BCS December – fed accordingly
- Calve on wood chip bed
- Calves removed ASAP – OAD milking to Mar 1st

Calf

- Every calf gets iodine / tag / colostrum
- All calves moved off home farm ASAP

People

Procedure sheets

Defined roles

- Milking – 2 people (pool of 3)
- Calf shed – 1 person (pool of 2)
- Grass / young calf management – Mark
- Support – contractors / calf seller

Managing – feeding / rostering staff