

Calf Welfare on our farm

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Farm Details

Family	Lucy (22), Sinead (19) & Ben (16)
Land	29ha (Owned) + 20ha (Leased) = 49ha Farmed
Milk Platform	17ha + 4ha (ZG)
Dairy Cows	83
Replacements	24 Weanlings, 32 In-Calf Heifers (15 Sold)
Stocking Rates	2.11 LU/Ha (WF), 4.88 Cows/Ha (MP)
Labour Units	Family Only
Milk Solids / Cow SOLD ('17)	473kg (6,058 litres @ 4.14%F % 3.44% P) 876 kg Meal/cow



Leased
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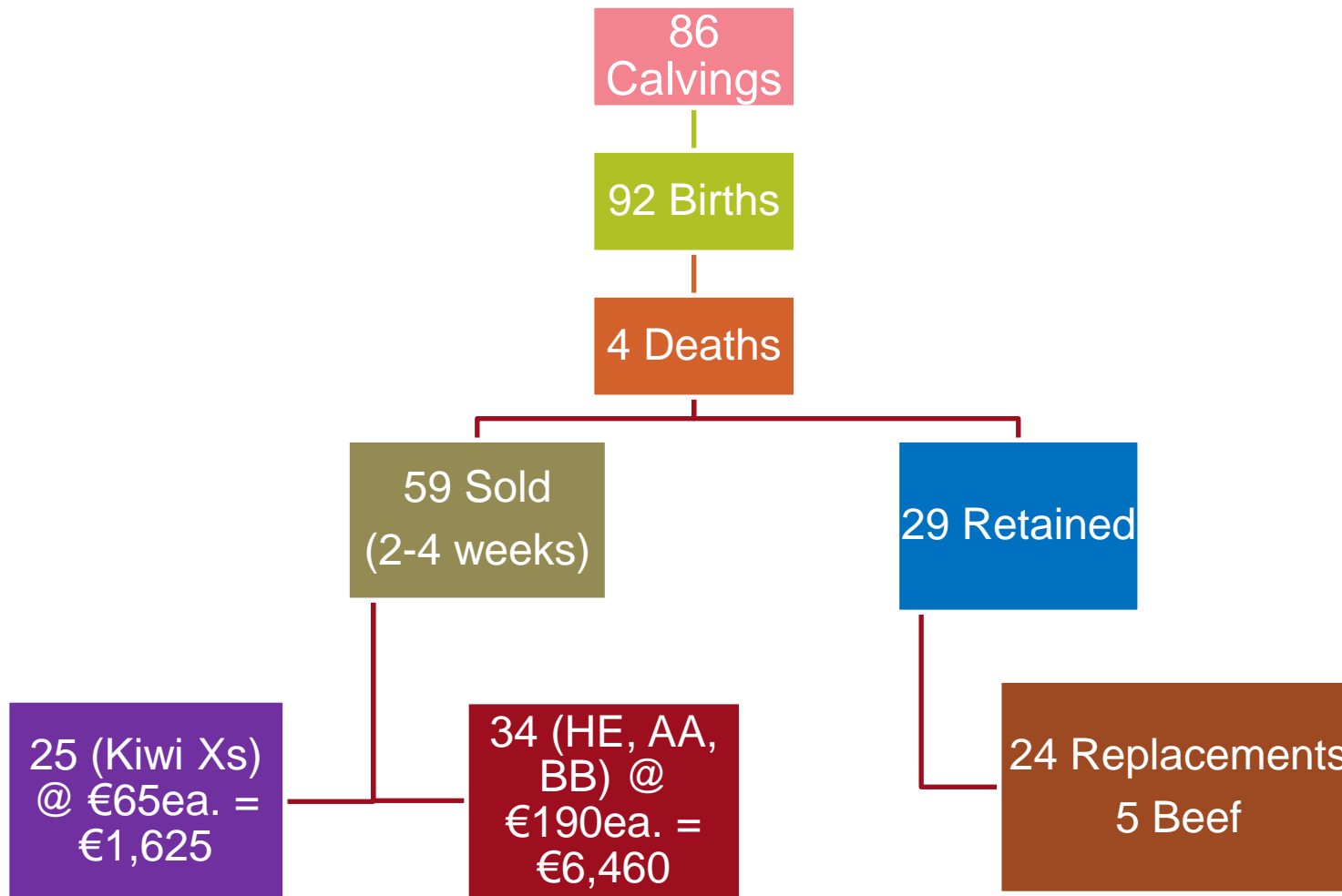
Farmyard

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2018 Spring Calving Season



Calf Welfare on My Farm – Top 5 Features

- Batching - Thin Cows, 1st Lact. & ICHs, Dry Cow Minerals
- Colostrum, 4 litre bottle/stomach tube, navel
- Bedding, - Straw/Woodchip, Groups of ten, compartment feeder
- Woodchip Yard/Shed from 2 weeks
- Thermometer – Injections at the ready/Calf Jacket/Infra-Red Lamp

ALL Calves Treated Equally











Looking to the Future

- Expect to have 50+ Calves to sell each year
 - Will there continue be a market?
 - Can the buyer make a margin?
 - Will live exports continue?
 - Extra animal welfare restrictions in future?
 - How big an impact will Brexit have?
- Calf Sales (Only 3% of my Farm Sales) ≠ Full Story!
- Exporting nation, consumer perception of animal welfare is vital
- Production of “Cull Calves” not acceptable to many consumers

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION**

