



Making Our Dairy Farm Work For Us



OUR LIFESTYLE IS A CHOICE



Cow Performance

Kg meal/kg solids

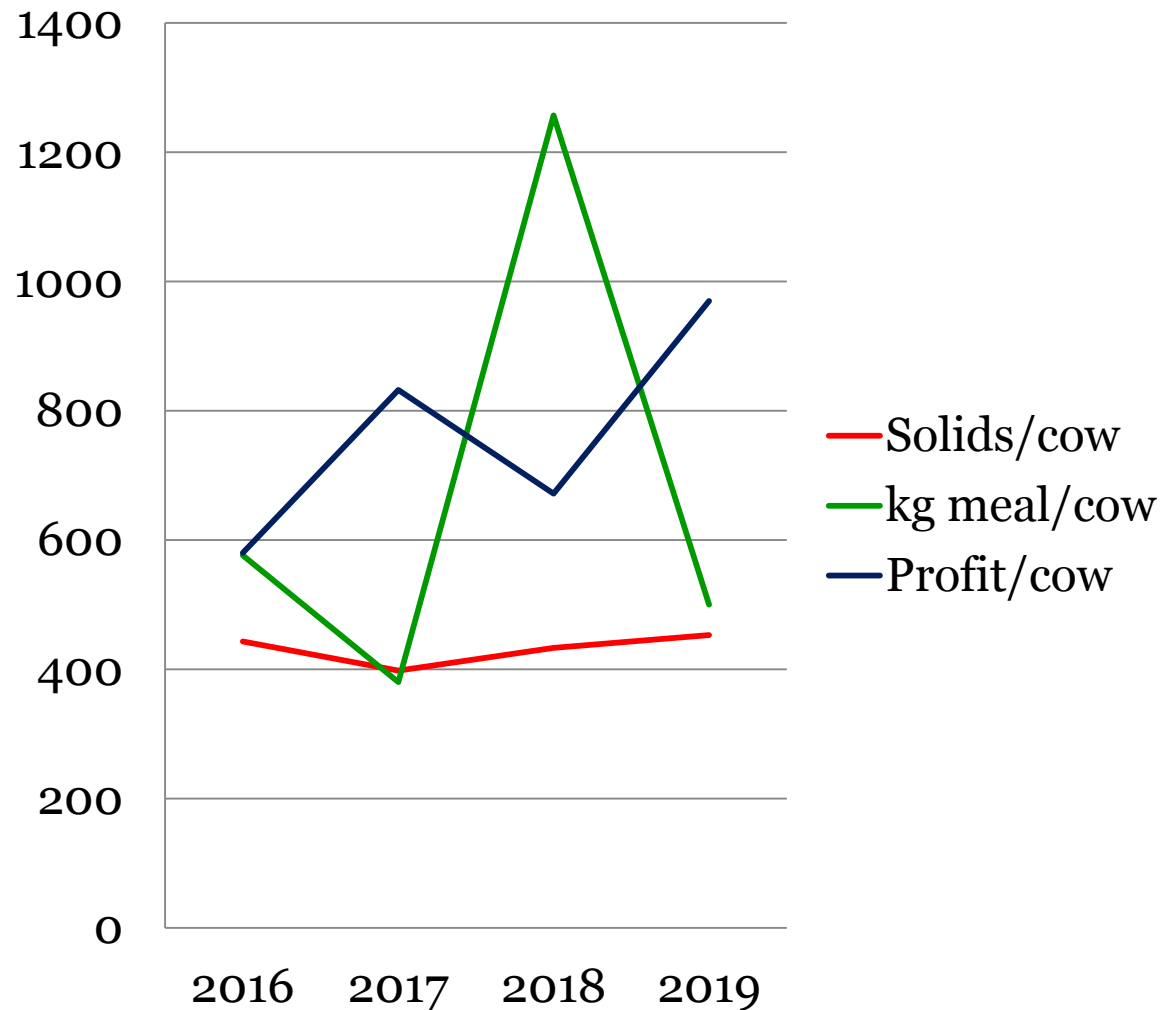
Calving 365 day interval

This year we have reduced meal to 500kg/cow

Stocking rate of 3LU/Ha on MP

Stocking rate of 2.76LU/Ha overall

Farm Performance



Caitriona's Decision to Farm



- **ED HAS MORE FLEXIBILITY IN OFF FARM WORK**
- **FOUND FARMING ENJOYABLE**
- **MORE STRUCTURE TO THE DAY ON THE FARM AND HOME**
- **LEARNING THE ROPES**
- **SCRUTINISING THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

Structure



Milking

- Times 7.30am & 4.30pm
- Health & Safety
- Supplies
- Drying Off Cows
- Fresh Cow management
- Treating cows

Accounts

- Filing Cabinet
- 1-2 days taken monthly
- Income & expenditure account
- Paying bills
- Vat receipts

Reduce The Workload



- **CONTRACT REARING**
- **BULL CALVES SOLD @ 12 DAYS OLD**
- **NEW CUBICLE SHED WITH SCRAPERS**
- **CONTRACT OUT ALL TRACTOR WORK**

Grassland Management

- Grass Measuring since 2017
- Grass growth increased from 14 tonnes to 16.5 tonnes grown
- Grass taken out for bales above 170kgDM/cow
- Pasturebase app
- Use of Grass Wedge





Future Developments

New Silage Slab & Silage Reserve

Drafting Facilities

Multiple entrances to paddocks

Selective Dry Cow Therapy

Increase Milk Recording from 4-6 times/year



Must Demonstrate an Income and a Lifestyle for the Successor

