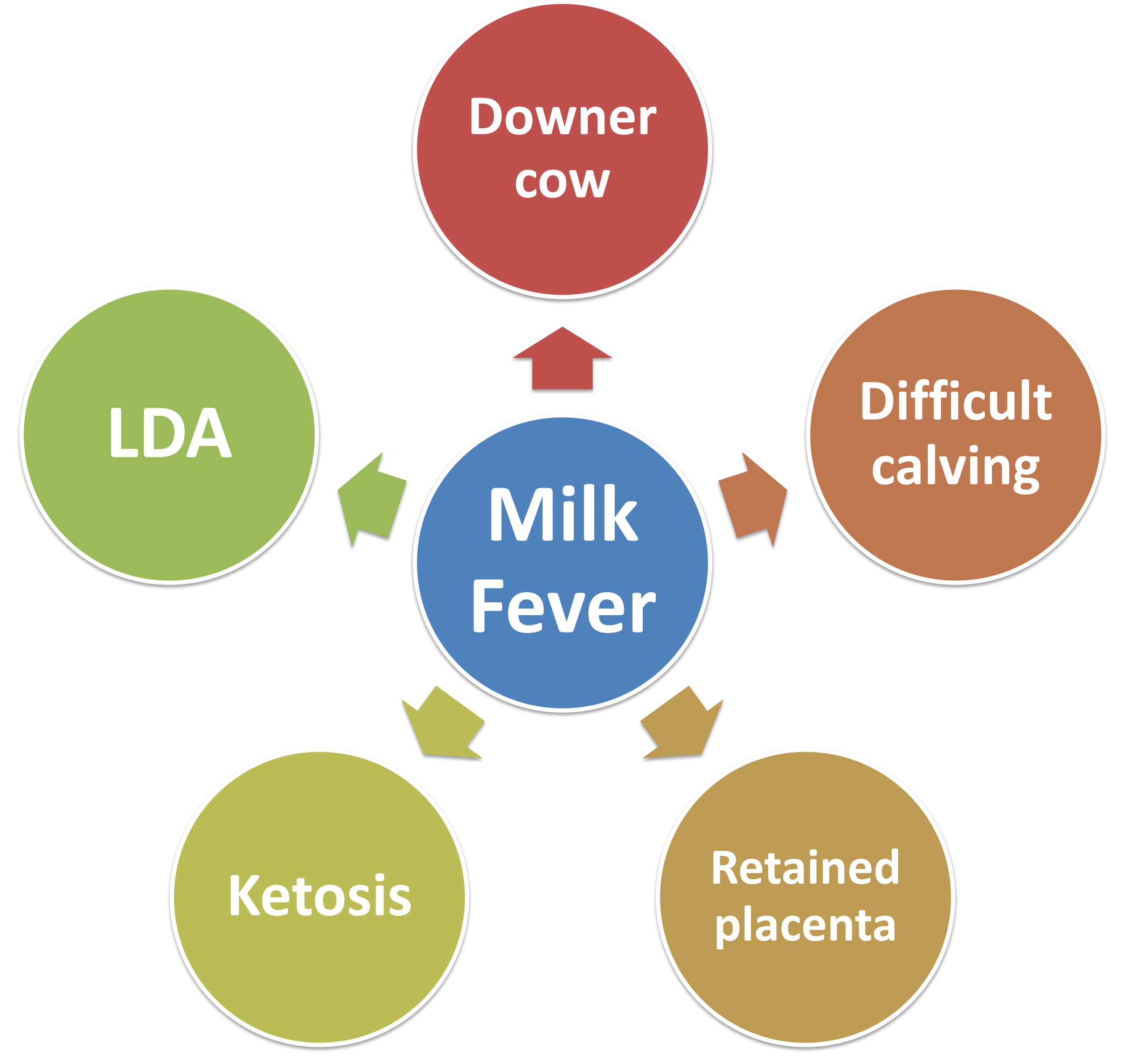


# Managing Dry Cows for Better Health

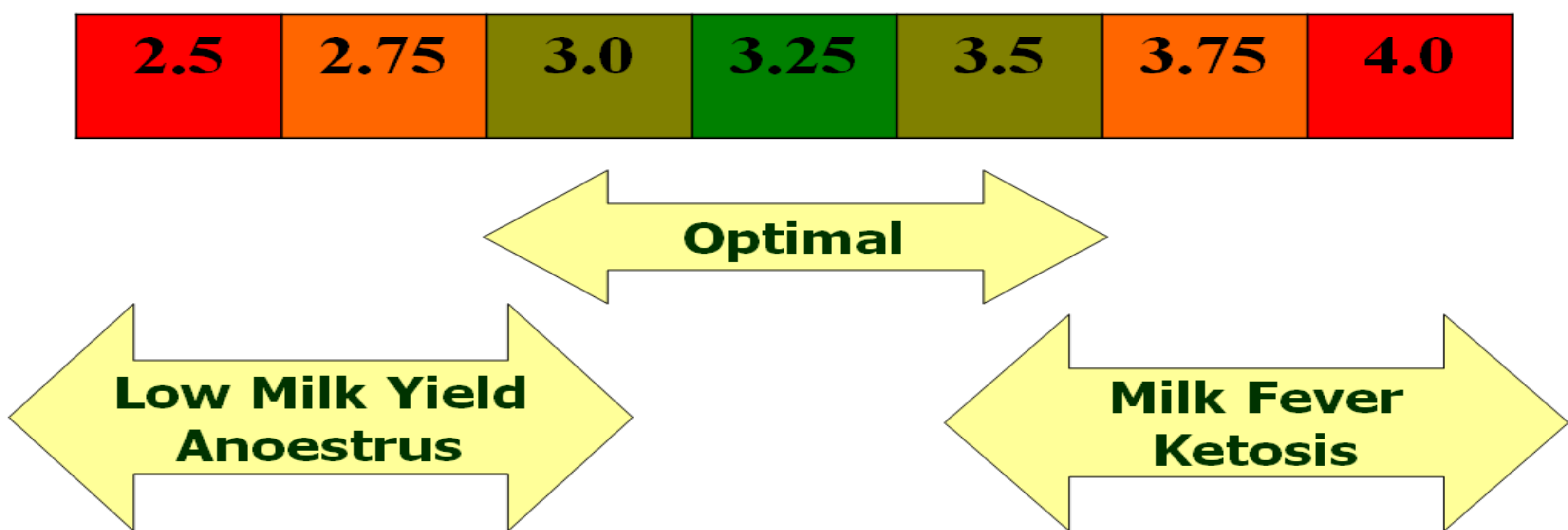
## Milk Fever and Cow Health



## Autumn Dry Cow Feeding- Johnstown

- Graze (<3.5cm) after milking herd for 5-6wks dry
  - Limit BCS gain, provide trace minerals
- Move to calving paddock 15-20 days pre calving
  - Strip graze 4-5kg DM/day standing hay
  - Low Potassium (K) haylage to appetite
  - Hi-Mag minerals fed in 0.5kg barley
- Cows calve outdoors, move to milking group

## Body Condition Score at Calving



Forage K less than **2.0%** in close up dry cow diet

Magnesium **0.4% of diet** from 20 days pre-calving