



## ESTIMATING CALVING DATES

**AIM: TO PROVIDE FARMERS WITH A GUIDE OF WHEN COWS ARE EXPECTED TO CALVE BASED ON A 283 DAY PREGNANCY.**

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Identify the date your animal was mated and became pregnant (left hand column – Date of Service). This should have been confirmed by a PD (Pregnancy Diagnosis). Write the cow number or name on a calendar.
2. Look at the corresponding date in the right-hand column (Expected calving date). This shows the time when your cow should calve +/- 1 or 2 days.
  - See shaded example where an animal successfully mated on 15 April would expect to calve around 19 to 24 January.
  - See shaded example where an animal successfully mated on 1 October would expect to calve around 7 to 12 July.

**REMEMBER** to pay special attention to your cow around the time you expect her to calve.

January to June											
Date of Service	Expected calving date	Date of Service	Expected calving date	Date of Service	Expected calving date	Date of Service	Expected calving date	Date of Service	Expected calving date	Date of Service	Expected calving date
01-Jan	10-Oct	01-Feb	10-Nov	01-Mar	08-Dec	01-Apr	08-Jan	01-May	07-Feb	01-Jun	10-Mar
02-Jan	11-Oct	02-Feb	11-Nov	02-Mar	09-Dec	02-Apr	09-Jan	02-May	08-Feb	02-Jun	11-Mar
03-Jan	12-Oct	03-Feb	12-Nov	03-Mar	10-Dec	03-Apr	10-Jan	03-May	09-Feb	03-Jun	12-Mar
04-Jan	13-Oct	04-Feb	13-Nov	04-Mar	11-Dec	04-Apr	11-Jan	04-May	10-Feb	04-Jun	13-Mar
05-Jan	14-Oct	05-Feb	14-Nov	05-Mar	12-Dec	05-Apr	12-Jan	05-May	11-Feb	05-Jun	14-Mar
06-Jan	15-Oct	06-Feb	15-Nov	06-Mar	13-Dec	06-Apr	13-Jan	06-May	12-Feb	06-Jun	15-Mar
07-Jan	16-Oct	07-Feb	16-Nov	07-Mar	14-Dec	07-Apr	14-Jan	07-May	13-Feb	07-Jun	16-Mar
08-Jan	17-Oct	08-Feb	17-Nov	08-Mar	15-Dec	08-Apr	15-Jan	08-May	14-Feb	08-Jun	17-Mar
09-Jan	18-Oct	09-Feb	18-Nov	09-Mar	16-Dec	09-Apr	16-Jan	09-May	15-Feb	09-Jun	18-Mar
10-Jan	19-Oct	10-Feb	19-Nov	10-Mar	17-Dec	10-Apr	17-Jan	10-May	16-Feb	10-Jun	19-Mar
11-Jan	20-Oct	11-Feb	20-Nov	11-Mar	18-Dec	11-Apr	18-Jan	11-May	17-Feb	11-Jun	20-Mar
12-Jan	21-Oct	12-Feb	21-Nov	12-Mar	19-Dec	12-Apr	19-Jan	12-May	18-Feb	12-Jun	21-Mar
13-Jan	22-Oct	13-Feb	22-Nov	13-Mar	20-Dec	13-Apr	20-Jan	13-May	19-Feb	13-Jun	22-Mar
14-Jan	23-Oct	14-Feb	23-Nov	14-Mar	21-Dec	14-Apr	21-Jan	14-May	20-Feb	14-Jun	23-Mar
15-Jan	24-Oct	15-Feb	24-Nov	15-Mar	22-Dec	15-Apr	22-Jan	15-May	21-Feb	15-Jun	24-Mar
16-Jan	25-Oct	16-Feb	25-Nov	16-Mar	23-Dec	16-Apr	23-Jan	16-May	22-Feb	16-Jun	25-Mar
17-Jan	26-Oct	17-Feb	26-Nov	17-Mar	24-Dec	17-Apr	24-Jan	17-May	23-Feb	17-Jun	26-Mar
18-Jan	27-Oct	18-Feb	27-Nov	18-Mar	25-Dec	18-Apr	25-Jan	18-May	24-Feb	18-Jun	27-Mar
19-Jan	28-Oct	19-Feb	28-Nov	19-Mar	26-Dec	19-Apr	26-Jan	19-May	25-Feb	19-Jun	28-Mar
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22-Jan	31-Oct	22-Feb	01-Dec	22-Mar	29-Dec	22-Apr	29-Jan	22-May	28-Feb	22-Jun	31-Mar
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29-Jan	07-Nov			29-Mar	05-Jan	29-Apr	05-Feb	29-May	07-Mar	29-Jun	07-Apr
30-Jan	08-Nov			30-Mar	06-Jan	30-Apr	06-Feb	30-May	08-Mar	30-Jun	08-Apr
31-Jan	09-Nov			31-Mar	07-Jan			31-May	09-Mar		



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02-Jul	10-Apr	02-Aug	11-May	02-Sep	11-Jun	02-Oct	11-Jul	02-Nov	11-Aug	02-Dec	10-Sep
03-Jul	11-Apr	03-Aug	12-May	03-Sep	12-Jun	03-Oct	12-Jul	03-Nov	12-Aug	03-Dec	11-Sep
04-Jul	12-Apr	04-Aug	13-May	04-Sep	13-Jun	04-Oct	13-Jul	04-Nov	13-Aug	04-Dec	12-Sep
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06-Jul	14-Apr	06-Aug	15-May	06-Sep	15-Jun	06-Oct	15-Jul	06-Nov	15-Aug	06-Dec	14-Sep
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### REMEMBER, BE PREPARED!

- Have a clean, quiet area ready where your cow can calve.
- Check your cow often in the days before she is expected to calve.
- Have the phone number of a local Veterinary Officer or animal health provider available so they can be contacted in case your cow has difficulty calving.
- Let your calf suckle colostrum from the cow as soon as possible after birth.

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