

Culling & Retention Decision Tool

Dairy, Poultry & Livestock

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Produces a culling/retention analysis for your animals — ranking on yield, fertility, health, age and margin-over-feed, with keep/cull/monitor calls and replacement impact. Use it to remove unprofitable animals. For per-animal economics use the Per-Animal Economics Calculator (D9).

Purpose of this tool & output

Decide which animals to keep or cull

How the output is used

Use it to decide which animals to keep or cull — an objective view of yield, health and cost that guides retention decisions.

Important cautions

Cull chronic low-yield, infertile or diseased animals that fall below your margin-over-feed threshold — but ensure replacements (heifers) are ready. Confirm health status with a vet before culling for disease.

Companion documents

- Herd Breeding Program Planner
- Herd Structure & Replacement Planner
- Sire & Semen Selection Advisor
- Herd Fertility & Reproduction Manager
- Heifer Rearing Plan
- Poultry Flock & Batch Scheduler

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