

Herd Structure & Replacement Planner

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 herd-structure and replacement plan — ideal ratio of milking to dry to young stock, replacement rate, and a stock-flow projection. Use it to keep the herd productive and self-sustaining. For culling decisions use the Culling Decision tool.

Purpose of this tool & output

Balance milking, dry, heifers and replacements

How the output is used

Use it to balance milking, dry, heifers and replacements — a herd structure plan that keeps yield steady and replacements ready.

Important cautions

A steady heifer pipeline makes the herd self-sustaining and cheaper to grow than buying cows. Stagger calvings to smooth milk output and cash flow. Projection is indicative — update with actual calvings.

Companion documents

- Herd Breeding Program Planner
- Sire & Semen Selection Advisor
- Herd Fertility & Reproduction Manager
- Culling & Retention Decision Tool
- Heifer Rearing Plan
- Poultry Flock & Batch Scheduler

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