

# Lactation & Dry Period Management

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

Builds a lactation-cycle management plan — peak-yield feeding in early lactation, persistency through mid/late lactation, correct drying-off, and dry-period/transition (close-up) care before calving — so each animal delivers maximum lifetime yield and calves down healthy. Use it to manage the cycle. For calving-time health use the veterinary tools.

## Purpose of this tool & output

Manage the full cycle for lifetime yield

## How the output is used

Use it to manage the full cycle for lifetime yield — lactation and dry-period management that protect the next lactation.

## Important cautions

Managing the whole lactation cycle — feeding for peak, sustaining persistency, a proper ~60-day dry period and careful transition feeding — maximises lifetime yield and prevents calving problems like milk fever and ketosis. The dry period sets up the next lactation.

## Companion documents

- Milk Yield Improvement Plan
- Milk Fat & SNF Improvement
- Milk Testing & Quality Control
- Clean Milk Production
- Milk Cooling & Storage
- Milking Routine & Machine Hygiene

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