

Suckler calf production costs 2021/22



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pence per kg liveweight	All farms (average)	Bottom third (high cost)	Top third (low cost)
Feed and Forage	53	72	40
Veterinary and Medicines	16	19	14
Other	23	26	15
Total Variable Costs	91	117	69
Herd Replacement	8	11	8
Paid Labour	7	10	2
Power and Machinery	63	83	48
Finance and General Farm Costs	56	72	41
Rent	7	14	4
Total Fixed Costs	133	179	95
TOTAL COSTS	233	307	172
Own/ Spouse labour	50	54	53
Unpaid labour	18	21	14
Physical Data Summary			
Herd size - head	38	43	34
Weight of beef produced (weaned calves) - kg	10,904	10,761	10,347
Weight of beef produced per cow - kg	286	253	309
Market Returns			
p/kg liveweight	191.9	197.8	196.4
% total costs covered by market returns	82.5%	64.4%	114.3%

Data relates to financial year 2021/22, farms ranked by margin/kg. Based on 29 suckler herds.
Data not comparable with last year due to a different sample size.
Suckler calf production covers suckler cow and calf costs up to weaning.

Data source: *The Farm Business Survey in Wales*