



Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

What are the main physical and financial drivers for your business goals and aspirations? Is it yield per cow, stocking rate, feed cost per litre, tonnes liveweight sold/ha, days away from the business per year, profit per litre ...

The list is endless, but the list of KPIs should be specific to your end goals and objectives. Once you know what you are trying to achieve and why, you can measure the KPI/s which drive those objectives.

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Designing New Cow Accommodation

When designing new cow accommodation, consider your choice of ventilation early in the process. The type of ventilation used will impact how the facility is designed to produce the optimal environment for your herd.

You should also consider the positioning of the building. End wall fans should not be in locations such as directly by your home, by the outside entrance or parking area of your dairy, or anywhere they could potentially create an uncomfortable environment with the exhausted air, odour or excessive noise. [Read more](#)

Invest Time in Your Business

If you are serious about ensuring your business copes with the cashflow implications of inflationary pressures, you must be prepared to continue to make changes to improve your business efficiency and position.



Many times, I hear people say that they haven't got the time to leave their business for half a day or a few hours to learn by attending a meeting or a discussion group. The time invested away is worth a lot more than the cost of replacing you physically on the farm. [Read more](#)

Sub-Soiling - Is It Worth Doing?

'I've always sub soiled for my maize so I will again this year.' This is a statement made by many farmers. Without doubt compaction in the soil profile can be the biggest reason for reduced yields in both grassland and arable crops. That does not mean that every field will need an annual sub-soil as it is both expensive and can be counterproductive. In order to establish if sub-soiling is required first, dig a series of holes in the ground across the field. This will highlight any sub surface compaction and also whether it is across the whole field or not. The key is to establish the depth of compaction before deciding on the method of removal [Read more](#)

Commodities Update



Addressing Net Zero

Guest article written by Alex Monro of Devon Energy Partnership

For the last few years DBL have been focused on reducing carbon emissions for farmers. As part of our new service we want to share some ideas how the farming community can reduce costs and navigate their pathway to net zero. [Read more](#)



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