

Suckler calf production costs 2013/14



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pence per kg liveweight	All farms (average)	Bottom third (high cost)	Top third (low cost)
Feed and forage	75	102	56
Veterinary and medicines	13	16	9
Other	19	31	13
Total variable costs	106	148	78
Herd replacement	11	18	2
Paid labour	11	17	4
Power and machinery	82	114	60
Finance and general farm costs	67	98	47
Rent	6	6	4
Total fixed costs	165	235	114
Total costs	282	401	194
Own/spouse labour	71	91	68
Unpaid labour	18	16	12
Physical data summary			
Herd size - head	36	28	40
Weight of beef produced (weaned calves) - kg	9,614	6,868	10,865
Weight of beef produced per cow - kg	264	238	274
Suckler calf enterprise returns			
Enterprise returns (p/kg liveweight)	171	159	187
% total costs covered by enterprise returns	61	40	96

Data relates to financial year 2013/14, farms ranked by margin/kg. Based on 74 suckler herds.
Data not comparable with last year due to a different sample basis.
Suckler calf production covers suckler cow and calf costs up to weaning.

Data source:
The Farm Business Survey in Wales