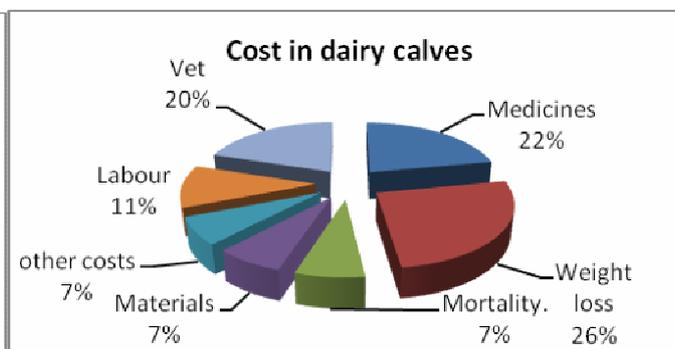
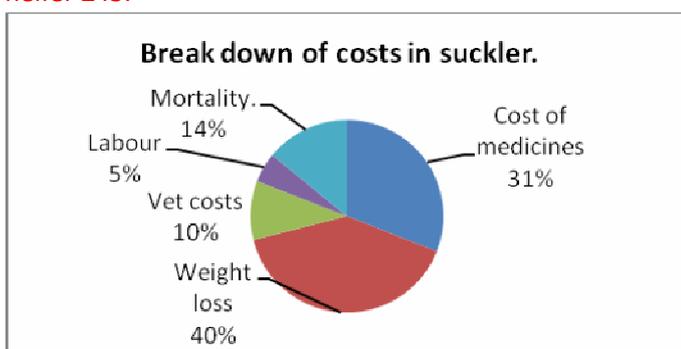


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- When speaking to a vet colleague of mine who works down south he was called to a farm where they **had a field of 50 weanlings**. They hadn't checked the **cattle for 2 days**. In that time **he lost 25 from black leg**, if only he had **spent £75** to protect his **£50,000 investment!!** Needs to change vets and join Trefaldwyn vets!!!
- With the small amount of rain we are getting there has been an **increase in flies**, my own calf got blow fly strike at 4 days of age, so be careful and make sure your **sheep are fully protected**. We are also still getting a lot of **infected eyes in cattle**. We are just not sure of the actual cause but make sure your cattle have been **fly protected and find out what your IBR status is**.
- If and when we do get the rain not only have we the **worry of staggers in the adults** there is a real **risk of a huge flush of worms in the young stock**. Please be aware of this and protect them accordingly.
- The threat of **housing** is getting closer and closer. Last year was a **bad year for pneumonia**, with the huge fluctuations with temperature and very still days. People that **used the pneumonia vaccines** had far less problems than those who didn't so **please, please consider using the vaccines**. They are very good along with **improved housing / ventilation**. **Shaving the back of youngstock** can really help reduce pneumonia.

Calf pneumonia costs the UK industry £80 million per year. **The average cost to a suckler herd is £82 per calf and a dairy heifer £43.**



In the **dairy** there are other losses such as:

- **2 week delay to first service** at £1.65 / day.
- **2.2%** reduction in first lactation yield.

This heifer was one of a group who had **pneumonia as a calf**. She dropped down dead 6 months later. She was thin but there were no obvious signs of pneumonia through the summer.



2. Bovipast RSP. This **requires 2 doses 4 weeks** apart under the skin. This is ideal for **young stock** which are to be housed. I would recommend for use in a herd that is BVD or IBR vaccinating, or in a herd which wants to become IBR accredited.

3. Rispoval 4. For the same group of cattle as Bovipast but in herds which have a BVD and IBR problem and do not vaccinate.

What vaccines have we got:

1. Rispoval intranasal – ideal for young dairy calves or freshly bought in calves. **Admin up the nose** to get some immunity virtually straight away. Can give **from 1 week old**. **No booster** required but it will last for 3 months.

Meetings up and coming:
13th October at the WLS.
On **unwanted friends in the cattle world!** BVD etc.

Dairy cell check:

Average S.C.C	218	Average milk protein depending on stage of lactation	
Average milk yield	7.9	0-99 days	3.3
Calving - conception	116	100 - 199 days	3.6
		200 + days	3.8

Cydetin pour on in cattle now has a 6 day milk withdrawal.