

# About the Heifer Group Summary:



The Heifer Group Summary report is a comparison of all members of a ROF group who complete a heifer cost analysis. (A similar comparison across clubs is available – called Heifer Club Comparison) This shows the various aspects of the cost to FEED a heifer from birth to calving based on a 1 day snapshot of the feeding program of the herd. It assumes that the heifer program maintains the same approximate numbers and the feeding program is constant throughout the year. This can be rerun at any time.

The important items to note are the wide range between herds in terms of cost and the lack of any relationship between the milking herd production or ROF and the heifer costs. There is a lot of money to be saved in feeding heifers in terms of cost to calving as well as in the number of heifers fed.

Below is a short description of how to use this report. For more information, contact CanWest DHI Herd Management Specialist to discuss details (see ROF contact section).

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Grenville ROF Group																	
Member Code	Avg Cost to Calving	Avg /day to Calving	Avg Cost /DIM	Total # Heifers	# Calves by Category			Average Age at			Cost /Day to			Avg # Cows	Avg # Heifer /Cow	Herd ROF Avg	Herd Prod'n Avg
					Call	Open	Bred	Weaning (Days)	Breeding (Months)	Calving (Months)	Weaning	Breeding	Calving				
Gren11	\$1,200	\$1.60	\$2.35	48	2	28	18	63	14.0	24.2	\$0.40	\$1.69	\$1.73	34	1.4	\$14.24	33.5
Gren1	\$1,024	\$1.37	\$1.31	218	22	199	87	61	13.8	24.5	\$0.43	\$1.29	\$1.64	223	1.0	\$13.42	31.6
Gren3	\$919	\$1.16	\$1.07	113	10	38	65	61	15.0	26.0	\$1.43	\$1.06	\$1.19	125	0.9	\$13.63	32.3
Gren4	\$875	\$1.15	\$0.97	123	7	94	27	85	15.2	25.5	\$2.30	\$0.87	\$1.35	142	0.9	\$12.19	27.9
Gren10	\$844	\$1.02	\$1.00	55	10	28	17	100	16.0	27.0	\$0.51	\$0.99	\$1.21	54	1.0	\$13.03	31.8
Gren22	\$699	\$0.92	\$0.86	80	10	40	30	76	15.0	25.0	\$0.44	\$0.95	\$0.99	84	0.9	\$11.54	26.4
Gren13	\$695	\$0.95	\$0.87	67	6	28	33	70	14.0	23.9	\$2.43	\$0.81	\$0.73	72	0.9	\$12.30	30.4
Group Avg.	\$890	\$1.16	\$1.19	101	9	52	40	67	14.7	25.1	\$1.19	\$1.09	\$1.26	1.0			

- Each line is a separate herd. The report is sorted from highest cost to lowest.
  - ➔ Find your own and check that the numbers make sense
  - ➔ Compare your results with others to find the major differences
  - ➔ Try and discover **WHY** the differences occur.
- The total cost to calving and the cost /day are reported here. Also reported is the cost /DIM (which is the cost of feeding the heifer herd borne by each milking cow each day. This is the cost to deduct from the ROF to cover heifer costs
  - ➔ Compare all 3 costs with your peers. Why does your ranking in each of the 3 columns differ?
- This section shows the age at the various parts of the animal's life – weaning, breeding and calving.
- This section shows the cost / day for each of the 3 stages of the animal's life.
- This section shows some comparison benchmarks – herd size & production, herd ROF as well as # heifers carried / milking cow
  - ➔ Compare herd production and ROF with the cost to raise heifers
  - ➔ Compare # heifers per cow. What is the required # needed for your herd? How many surplus are you carrying (at what cost)?