

Transitioning to OAD

- **Milk recording** for 2-3 years before OAD
 - High SCC / low yielders
 - Poor udders / teat placement / slow milkers
- **Higher replacement rate** in early years
 - TAD 25 repl. per 100 cows
 - Rear up to 35-40 repl. per 100 cows
 - Breed suitable heifers

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- **Extra cows**
 - Can you carry 10% more cows?
- **Profitability??**
 - If borrowed - can debt be managed?
- **Upskilling**
 - Talk to / Visit OAD farmers
 - Join OAD discussion group
 - Grassland management / Mastitis control

Established OAD farms (n=8)

	Average	Range
Cow No	147	66 - 246
Stocking rate		
MP (Cows/ha)	2.77	1.8 - 4.6
Overall SR (LU/ha)	2.42	2.0 - 2.8
Milk Solids		
Kg/cow	377	337-432
Kg/MP Ha	1028	
Fat (%) / Protein (%)	4.98 / 4.00	
SCC (cells/ml)	181	114 - 230
6-week calving rate (%)	89%	85% - 93%
Replacement rate (%)	20%	18% - 29%

Established OAD farms (n=8)

	Average	Range
Milk price (c/litre)	43.8	39.7 – 47.8
Total costs		
€/cow	€920	€804 – 1,129
€/ha	€2,226	€1,753 – 3,150
Net profit		
€/cow	€890	€713 – 1,097
€/ha	€2,154	€1,574 - 2,753

OAD (n=8) vs TAD farms (n=267)

	OAD	TAD
Milk price (c/litre)	43.8	38.4
Total costs		
€/cow	€920	€1,148
€/ha	€2,226	€2,715
Net profit		
€/cow	€890	€992
€/ha	€2,154	€2,366