

# Milking Once A Day

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# Why Milk OAD?

- Labour
- Walking Distance, Fragmented/Hilly Farms
- Lifestyle
- Outside Farm/2<sup>nd</sup> Unit
- Off Farm Job
- Drystock Farmers

# Advantages – Disadvantages OAD

## Big Question:

*How much of a Hit on Income?*

## Other Issues:

- Mastitis Control
- Cow Breed
- Bull Selection

# Established OAD Farms (8) 2017

	Average	Range
<b>Cow Nos.</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>66 - 246</b>
<b>Stocking rate</b>		
<b>MP (cows/ha)</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>1.8 – 4.6</b>
<b>Overall SR (LU/ha)</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>2.0 – 2.8</b>
<b>Milk Solids</b>		
<b>Kg/cow</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>337 - 432</b>
<b>Kg/MP Ha</b>	<b>1028</b>	
<b>Fat (%) / Pr (%)</b>	<b>4.98 / 4.00</b>	
<b>SCC (cells/ml)</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>114 - 230</b>
<b>6-week Calving rate (%)</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>85% - 93%</b>
<b>Replacement rate (%)</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>18% - 29%</b>

# Established OAD Farms (8) 2017

	Average	Range
<b>Milk Price (c/litre)</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>39.7 – 47.8</b>
<b>Total Costs</b>		
€ /cow	<b>€920</b>	<b>€804 – 1,129</b>
€ /ha	<b>€2,226</b>	<b>€1,753 – 3,150</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>		
€ /cow	<b>€890</b>	<b>€713 – 1,097</b>
€ /ha	<b>€2,154</b>	<b>€1,574 – 2,753</b>

# OAD (8) vs TAD Farms (267) 2017

	OAD	TAD
<b>Milk Price (c/litre)</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>38.4</b>
<b>Total Costs</b>		
€ /cow	€920	€1,148
€ /ha	€2,226	€2,715
<b>Net Profit</b>		
€ /cow	€890	€992
€ /ha	€2,154	€2,366

















# Transitioning to OAD

- **Milk Record 2 – 3 years before OAD**
  - high SCC/low yielders
  - poor udders / teat placement / slow milkers
- **Higher Replacement Rate in early years**
  - TAD 25 repl/100 cows
  - Rear up to 35 – 40 repl/100 cows
  - Breed suitable heifers

# Transitioning to OAD

- **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