



Dairy farm issues:

- Land
- Labour
- Cost of expansion



Cost of rearing a heifer

| Costs | Birth to 24 months | Cost per day |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Variable + Fixed | €803 | €1.10 |
| Land @ €500/ha | €200 | €0.26 |
| Labour @ €15/hr | €195 | €0.27 |
| Total costs | €1,198 | €1.63 |

Take home messages

- Contract rearing can be a win-win
- Rearer responsible for land, labour, facilities and targets
- What is the cost of rearing a heifer on your farm ?