

# Once a Day milking conference Jan 2019

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ED PAYNE, HILLTOP DAIRIES



# Who are we?

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Family farm

Converted to Dairy in 2011

Milking on two units since Feb 2018

Two thirds TAD, One third OAD





# WHY????

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Whole business decision

Less Stress

Allows Business flexibility

Why Not!



# What we have done

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**Whole herd 45% heifers**

**No heifers on OAD**

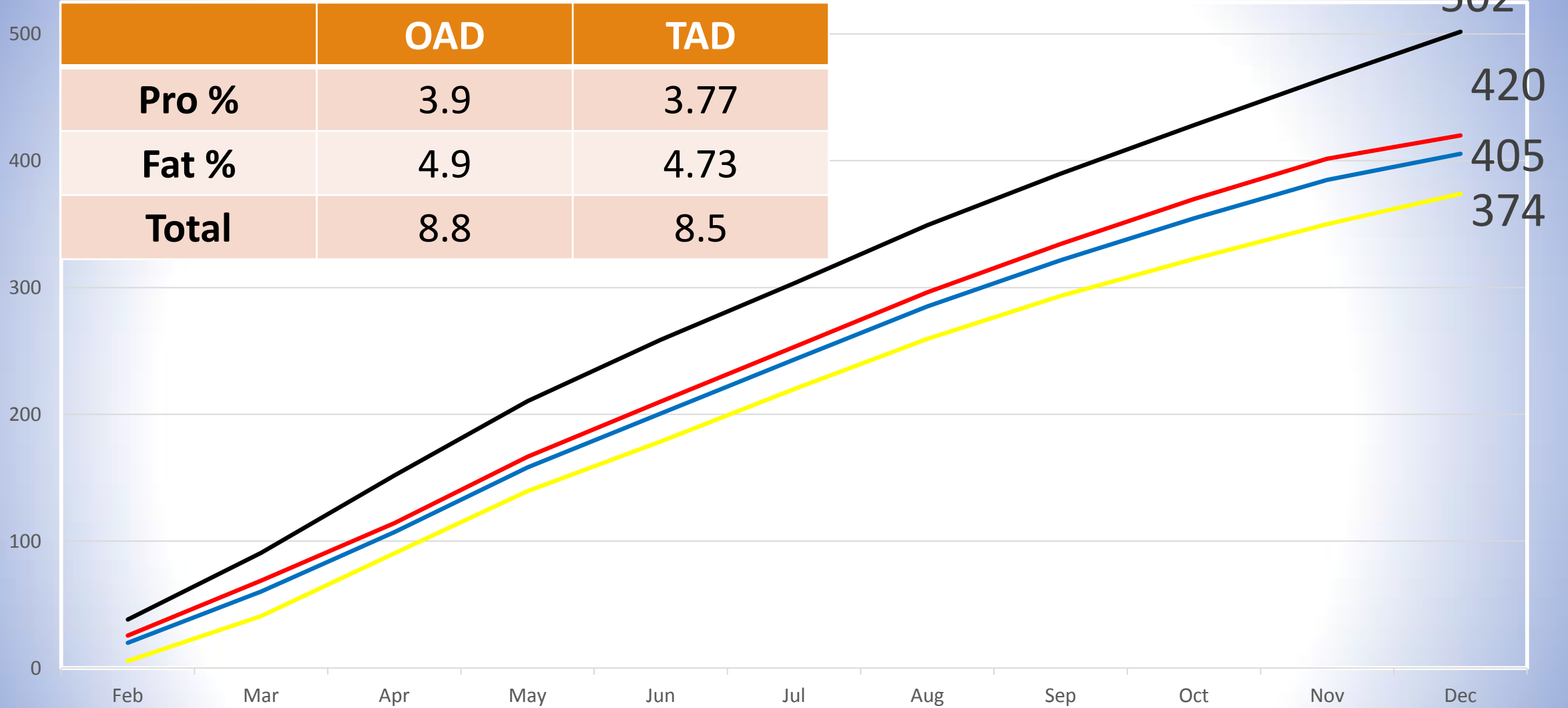
**TAD herd 70% heifers**

**Late calvers on OAD**

## Other Points

- **Fertility**
- **SCC**
- **Moved 10% of OAD herd to TAD**

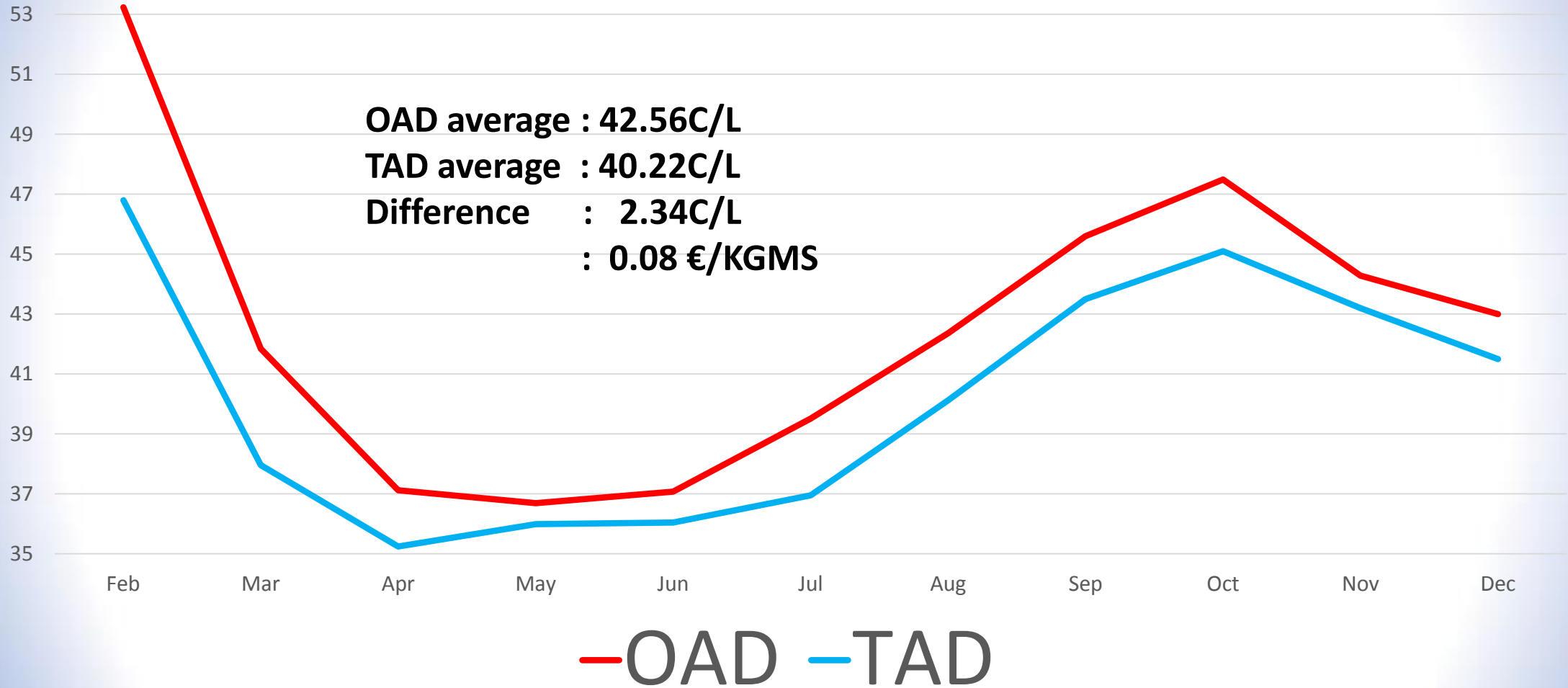
# KG MS



	OAD	TAD
<b>Pro %</b>	3.9	3.77
<b>Fat %</b>	4.9	4.73
<b>Total</b>	8.8	8.5

— TAD — OAD — Both — 2017

# Milk Price





# What Next

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Find Core OAD herd

Add Late Calvers

Improve Grassland management

More mature herd





A wide-angle photograph of a dairy farm. In the foreground, several black and white cows are grazing in a vibrant green field. The field extends into the distance, where a large herd of cows is scattered across a rolling hillside. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground, separating the foreground from the rest of the pasture. The sky is a clear, bright blue, and the overall scene is peaceful and idyllic.

Hilltop Dairies

wishes you

all a great Spring