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SEASONAL DAIRY HERD HEALTH PLAN

Month	Animal Health	Mineral	Reproduction	Milk Quality
		Supplementation		
June	Leptosure consultation	Develop mineral/trace element plan for next season	Calving plan meeting Repro performance review	Machine check Drug Authorisation Milk quality review
July	Spring skills seminar/new staff training Rotavec vaccinate 3 weeks prior to calving start	Magnesium – pasture dusting and start water treatment Minerals in Doseatron		Review recording procedures, treatment options and teat spray etc
August		Blood test to monitor Mg, Ca Cu, Se, Zn, Co, I Minerals in Doseatron	Monitor "at risk" cows (assisted calvings, metabolics, RFM's, twin births etc)	Milking technique, staff training.
September	Heifers – anthelmintic?	Minerals in Doseatron Magnesium still given	Metricheck Repro plan (mating) discussion	Milk cultures
October	BVD booster prior to mating	Magnesium – test bloods Minerals in Doseatron	Non-cycling cows Options	Review SCC and clinical progress
November	Ultravac 7in1 Calves	Magnesium – test bloods Minerals in Doseatron	Non- cycling cows	
December	Lameness training Ultravac 7in1 #2 Calves	Minerals in Doseatron	Scan Ovsynch or CIDR cows	
January		Minerals in Doseatron	Early pregnancy testing to age pregnancies and to help plan	Assess teat spraying. Continue teat spraying
February		Minerals in Doseatron	PD rechecks/ageing PD heifers	
March	Lepto vaccinations	Minerals in Doseatron	PD herd "Repro performance review"	
April		Minerals in Doseatron Monitor Copper and Selenium levels using cull cow liver samples	PD culls	Milk quality review Dry cow consultation Milk cultures? Culling decisions
May	Anthelmintic and "Destruct" at drying off *Lepto vax if not done already	Minerals in Doseatron	PD culls PD herd prior to dry off to find new empty cows	Drying off – dry cow administration

This calendar is an example. A specific herd plan with standard operating procedures can be put together in consultation with your vet.