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AREAS TO LOOK AT TO IMPROVE PROFITABILITY

1. **Use 2- feed system** for milk cows. Fresh cows get high density feed for peak lactation, and tail enders are fed least cost ration.
2. **Increase forage feeding to lower producing cows** - this will reduce amount of feed needed to balance program.
3. **Don't keep extra benefits** - it costs approximately \$300 per year to feed each heifer. Milking cows x 60% gives you total number of heifers birth to fresh. Example 50 milk cows x 60% = 30 heifers total.
4. **Work on a better growing program** for the generally neglected yearling heifer. Bigger "spring of rib" heifers will eat more forage and give a bigger milk check during their first lactation. Heifers need to average 15,000-16,000 lbs. of milk for their first lactation.
5. **Use NPN (non-protein nitrogen)** to reduce protein costs in mid to late lactation dairy rations.
6. **Reduce overhead-** rented ground and poorly utilized equipment can be costly. It generally pays to grow your forages, but look at using custom services for silo filling.



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