



## About the Dry Cow Group Summary:

The Dry Cow Group Summary report is a comparison of all members of a ROF group who complete a dry cow cost analysis. (A similar comparison across clubs is available – called Dry Cow Club Comparison) This shows the various aspects of the cost to feed dry cows based on a 1 day snapshot of the feeding program. It assumes that the dry cow program maintains the same approximate numbers and the feeding program is constant throughout the period. This can be rerun at any time.

One of the benchmarks is the dry cow cost expressed as cost /day while milking. An item to note is while there is a wide range between herds in terms of total cost, the difference in cost /DIM is less than most herds milking cow ROF changes from month to month.

Below is a short description of how to use this report. For more information, contact CanWest DHI Herd Management Specialist to discuss details (see ROF contact section).

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Grenville ROF Group																
Member Code	Avg Cost /DIM	Total Cost	Far Off		Close Up		#Days		DHI		Average #		C.L.	Avg # Cows	Herd ROF	Herd Prod'n
			Cost / Day	Total Cost	Cost / Day	Total Cost	Far Off	Close Up	Far Off	Close Up	Far Off	Close Up				
Gren0	\$0.53	\$185.18	\$2.85	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$45.30	49	21	13.9	9.7	47	12	13.7	125	\$13.63	32.3
Gren1	\$0.38	\$115.42	\$1.19	\$2.43	\$2.43	\$50.96	54	21	10.1	8.7	40	9	12.4	223	\$13.42	31.6
Gren4	\$0.34	\$112.87	\$1.16	\$2.70	\$2.70	\$59.49	46	22	11.2	12.0	6	13.0	142	\$12.19	27.9	
Gren2	\$0.32	\$108.46	\$1.63	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$65.01	52	18	10.3	4.5	18	4	13.5	84	\$11.54	26.1
Gren11	\$0.31	\$115.98	\$1.36	\$2.47	\$2.47	\$49.44	49	20	14.9	5.4	4	1	14.7	34	\$14.24	33.5
Gren13	\$0.17	\$55.86	\$0.92	\$55.86	\$55.86		61		11.5		9	0	12.7	72	\$12.80	30.4
Gren10	\$0.17	\$61.10	\$1.06	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$18.90	40	20	9.9	6.3	20	4	14.0	54	\$11.83	27.9
Group Avg.	\$0.32	\$107.84	\$1.45	\$2.00	\$2.00		50.1	20.3	11.7	7.8			13.4			

- Each line is a separate herd. The report is sorted from highest cost to lowest.
  - ➔ Find your own and check that the numbers make sense
  - ➔ Compare your results with others to find the major differences
  - ➔ Try and discover **WHY** the differences occur.
- The costs reported here are the total cost and the cost /DIM (which is the cost of feeding the dry cow divided by each day she is in milk. This is the cost to deduct from the ROF to cover dry cow costs.)
  - ➔ Compare these costs with your peers.
- This section shows the costs for the 2 stages of a dry period. – both per day and total cost.
- This section shows the intake and cost /Tonne of the ration for the 2 stages.
  - ➔ Compare your results with others to find the major differences
  - ➔ How much different are the costs /T? Is the difference in total cost intake related or ration makeup?
- This section shows some comparison benchmarks – herd size, production & ROF
  - ➔ Is there a relationship between these # and the cost to feed dry cows?