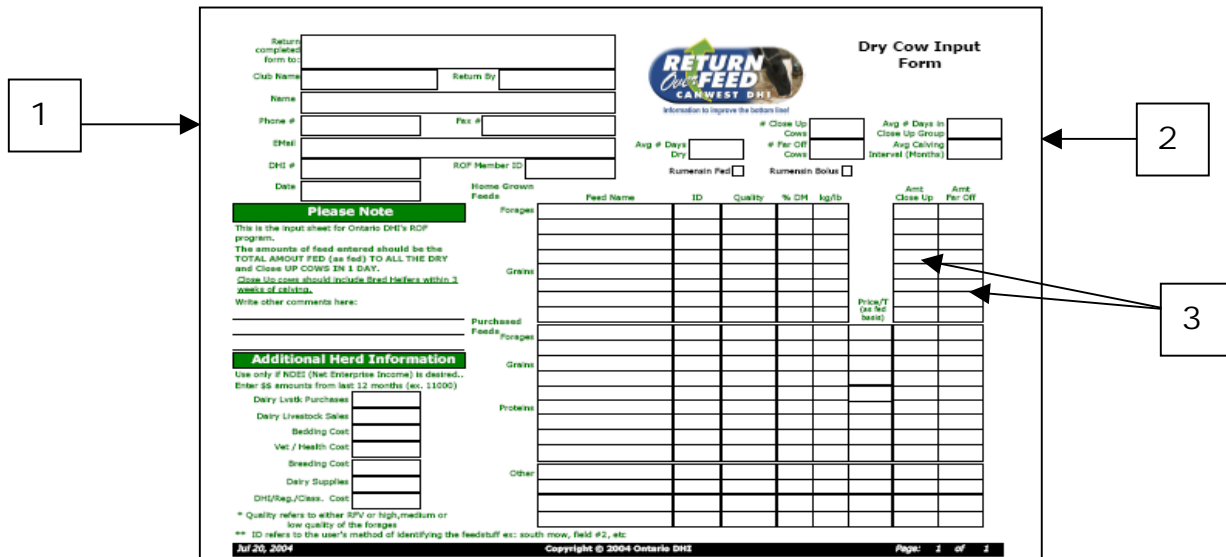


## About the Cow Input Form:

The form has been designed to be simple and easy to complete. **You need to obtain the total weight and % DM of EACH FEED fed to the each of the 2 groups of Dry Cows in 1DAY.** The program will extrapolate the information to show a cost to keep a Dry Cow based on this 1 day “snapshot”. If you use a “Close Up” or “Transition” program it may be best to choose a day when you have animals in both groups.

Below is a short description of how to fill out this form.



The form is titled "Dry Cow Input Form" and includes the following sections:

- Member Information:** Return completed, Form No., Club Name, Return By, Name, Phone #, Fax #, Email, DHI #, DHI #, ROP Member ID, Date.
- Program Information:** # Close Up Cows, # Far Off Cows, Avg # Days in Close Up Group, Avg Caring Interval (Months), Avg # Days Dry, Ruminant Fed, Ruminant Bolus.
- Please Note:** This is the input sheet for Ontario DHI's ROP program. The amounts of feed entered should be the TOTAL AMOUNT FED (as fed) TO ALL THE DRY and CLOSE UP COWS IN 1 DAY. Close up costs should include feed values within 3 weeks of calving. Write other comments here.
- Additional Herd Information:** Use only if NOEI (Net Enterprise Income) is desired. Enter \$ amounts from last 12 months (ex. 13000). Dairy Livestock Purchases, Dairy Livestock Sales, Bedding Cost, Vet / Health Cost, Breeding Cost, Dairy Supplies, DHI/Reg./Class. Cost.
- Feed Table:** A table with columns: Feed Name, ID, Quality, % DM, kg/lb, Amt. Close Up, Amt. Far Off, Price/T (as fed basis).

Numbered callouts on the form:

- 1:** Points to the Member Information section.
- 2:** Points to the Program Information section.
- 3:** Points to the Feed Table section.

1. **Make sure Member information is correct**
2. **Make sure Herd information is correct**
  - ➔ # of Cows & Days in the CLOSE UP group is the number of cows today and the expected length of time you keep them in the close up group.
  - ➔ # Far Off Cows & C.I. is as it is on the day the analysis is done.
  - ➔ Avg # Days Dry is a calculation of (or your best estimate) the average # days an animal is dry.
3. **Make sure the Feed Information is correct**
  - ➔ Identify the **quality of forage** as accurately as possible. This will affect the cost.
  - ➔ The **ID** box is to record identification for your forages. You may indicate 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> cut or record the number off the feed analysis report.
  - ➔ The **FEED AMOUNTS** are the **total amount for EACH GROUP** (if both groups are together with a “topdress” for Close up cows, calculate the average of the “common feeds” and add the topdress amount for the close up group)
  - ➔ These should be actual weights. We need what is actually being fed not an estimate.
  - ➔ Make sure you indicate whether lb or kg – The results will be in metric measures only
  - ➔ % **DM** is as important as feed amounts. DM of feeds should be checked regularly to know the dry matter content of your feeds. If purchased feeds, we use a default #.
  - ➔ Make sure all **purchased feed prices** are accurate and included.
  - ➔ Be sure to indicate the type of storage and whether inoculant or rumensin was used
  - ➔ Make sure all of the feeds used are included