

# At a Glance... Fertility: Summary by Month

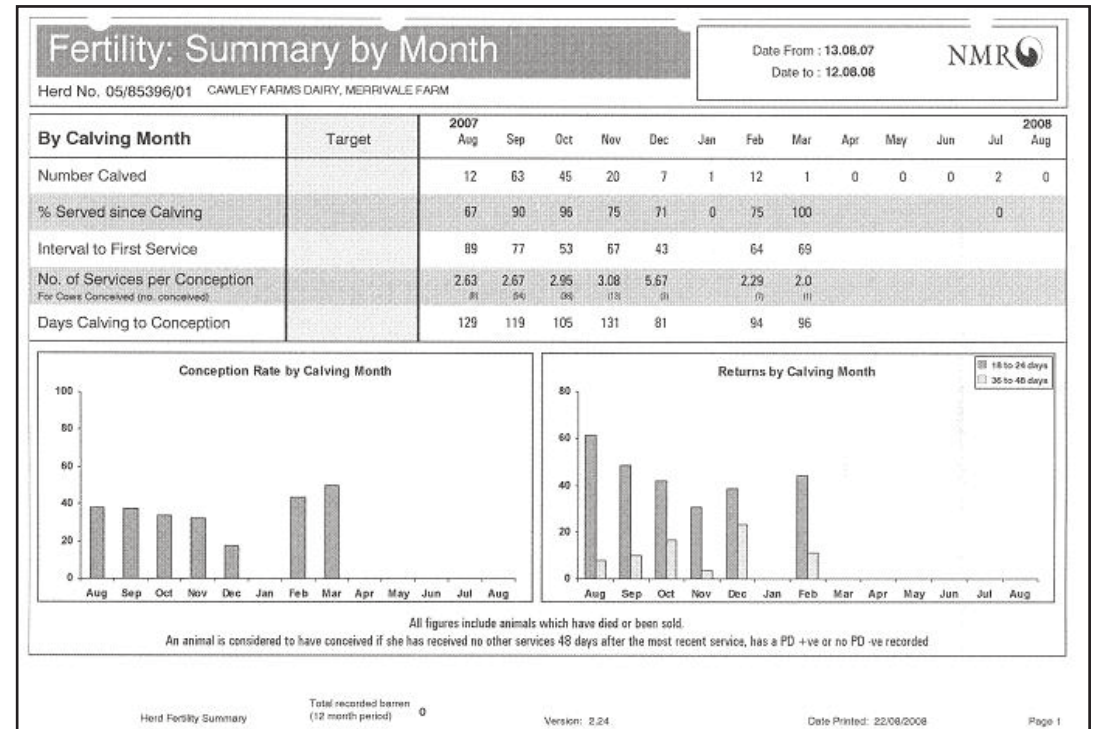
This report allows the fertility performance of the herd to be monitored month by month, spotting changes and trends over the year. This method of monitoring herd fertility is highly recommended by vets working to improve herd fertility.

Cows are grouped by their month of calving with the average results of the key fertility figures shown for the group. Both graphical and tabular figures are used.

The information will show which calving groups have the worst fertility record for each of the measures. This can indicate where efforts need to be concentrated to improve overall herd fertility performance. Fertility performance may well vary from calving month to calving month due to the feed regime at the time, physical locality of the cows (ie. ease of spotting bulling) or other external factors. Once these areas of weakness are recognised they can be improved upon. A 12 month average could easily hide within it great variations between groups of cows.

Many fertility problems are due to poor fertility management of the herd rather than individual cow problems. This report is also available as part of the Herdwatch which combines a 12 month herd picture to identify any problems, with monthly measures to narrow down the problem areas and the ability to look at individual cows in the problem groups. Together this information will provide a very strong basis for improving the fertility management of a herd.

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## Key Points

Frequency

Monthly

Free with Herdwatch membership

# KEY FEATURES: Fertility Summary by Month

The Fertility Summary by month report enables calving month trends in fertility performance to be monitored.

## CALVING MONTHS

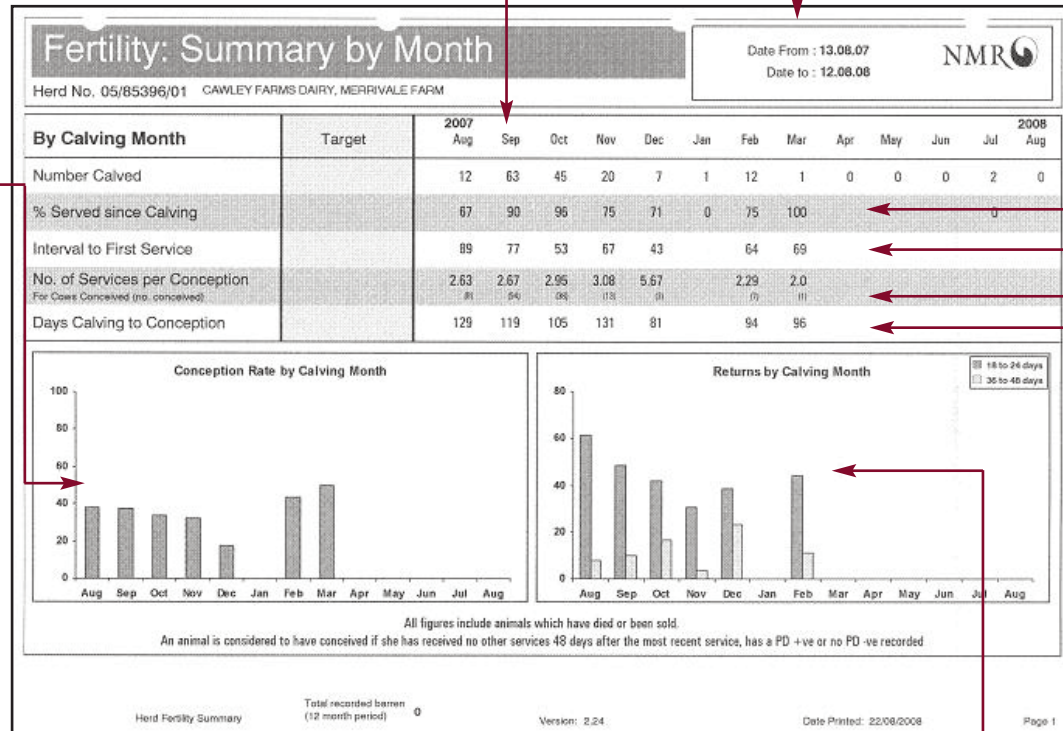
Each column shows the number of animals which have calved in each calendar month and their subsequent fertility performance.

## DATE RANGE

Animals that calved between these two dates will be included.

## CONCEPTION RATE BY CALVING

A quick glance will show how effective the services have been for each month of calving



## % SERVED SINCE CALVING

If the percentage of cows served since calving is low, this could help to highlight calving month groups that need more attention.

## INTERVAL TO 1ST SERVICE

In a seasonally calving herd, differences would be expected from month to month. However, if unexpected, these differences could provide clues on changing calving patterns or pointers to feed or management regimes in those calving months.

## NUMBER OF SERVICES PER CONCEPTION

Is there a change from month to month? Could this be due to seasonal management changes or a change to feeding/AI practices? Are the cows being served at the correct time?

## DAYS CALVING CONCEPTION

For cows calving in a particular month, this figure represents the average number of days that it took to get the cows back in calf. The calculation will only include animals that are assumed pregnant. This may not be all the animals in the group.

## RETURNS

The aim should be to have all returns (100%) between 18-24 or 36-48 days indicating that animals are cycling regularly and all bullings are being spotted.