

# Making the right decision for cull cows

For most animals, the options at the end of their productive life are straightforward. But sometimes the decision process can be more challenging, and doing the right thing for an individual animal may be the more difficult option for us. This is a guide to help you make the right decision.



## A fit animal:

- has no signs of ill health i.e. shiny coat, clear eyes, no discharge or swelling.
- has no visible wounds, bleeding, disease, deformity or infection.
- is able to bear weight and walk on all four limbs evenly.
- is behaving normally and not weak or staggering.



- Lactating cows need a calcium boost before transport to reduce their risk of milkfever due to lack of feed.
- Cull cows may experience extended periods off feed, especially when space for processing is limited.