

# *Spring Survival Guide*

*Top tips and tools for getting through spring*



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# *Welcome to the DairyNZ Spring Survival Guide*

The Spring Survival Guide is designed to help you get through the physically and mentally challenging time of calving. There is something here for everyone on-farm. The aim of the Spring Survival Guide is to provide you with practical tools, tips and information on how to optimise spring and make life easier.

## *There are four sections in the Spring Survival Guide*

### **1. Spring management**

- Spring Rotation Planner
- The use of supplements.

### **2. Strategies to manage low average pasture cover at calving**

- Key management strategies.

### **3. Getting the most out of your animals**

- A vet's perspective
- Magnesium
- Rearing calves.

### **4. Making life easier – top tips**

- Streamlining spring
- Staff survival.

So sit back, grab a cuppa and take 10 minutes to look through your Spring Survival Guide.

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All the best for the season ahead!

The DairyNZ team