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QMS

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Diagnosis of barren cows

Scanning

- Difficulty in diagnosis due to scanning several months after the event.
- Caution: Don't jump to conclusions, understand the herd history.



Bull testing

Review all elements – lameness or penis problems, such as corkscrew – before checking semen quality.



Low energy

Poor conception can be due to low energy and protein in the ration during bulling and early pregnancy.

- Analysis of the winter diet is a sensible action.
- Trace elements results need to be treated with caution.



Infections

Rule out bull and nutrition issues and then investigate infectious causes, such as IBR and Leptospirosis.



Abortions

- Inform vet of any abortions to rule out Brucellosis.
- Neospora, transmitted in dog and fox faeces contaminating the pasture, can cause second trimester abortion. Infected cows pass the organism to the foetus, causing abortion or symptomless carriers to spread to their own offspring. Consider options to test annually.



Record

Note barren cows and potential reasons which may warrant further investigation by your vet and then include in your annual health plan review.





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