

## Body condition scoring your herd (cont)

### How many cows to score?

It is very important to score a representative selection of cows in your herd

### Seasonal/split calving herds

- Score 70 cows each time.
- Even in large herds, 70 cows is sufficient each time.
- It is not necessary to score the same cows each time.
- Record each score separately; record cow identity if you wish.
- With practice, scoring 70 cows should take no more than 30 minutes.

### Year-round calving herds

- If you are milking fewer than 300 cows, you will need to score all cows at drying-off, just before calving and when they become eligible for insemination.
- At 450 cows, scoring two out of every three cows should be sufficient.
- At 600 cows, scoring every second cow should be sufficient.