

# Shinagh Dairy Farm

**Kevin Ahern**

**Bandon, Co. Cork**



# Kevin Ahern

- **Second son**
- **1997 FAB graduate**
- **Worked in Ireland & Saudi**
- **2001 Married to Jacqueline**
- **2002 Managing farm in Ireland**
- **2011 Shinagh**

# 2011 Conversion

## Owned by 4 West Cork Coops

- **Bandon**
  - **Barryroe**
  - **Drinagh**
  - **Lisavaird**
- **Full land lease**
  - **Full labour hired**
  - **No single farm payment**



# Current performance

- **Milking 230 cows**
- **Spring calving xbred**
- **17t DM/ha grown**
- **92,000 kg/MS** (400kg/cow)
- **SR 2.9LU/ha MP**



# The Farm Team

- One full time employee
- Students
- Casual labour
- Contractors
- Contract rearer



# Work contracted out

- **Machinery Work**

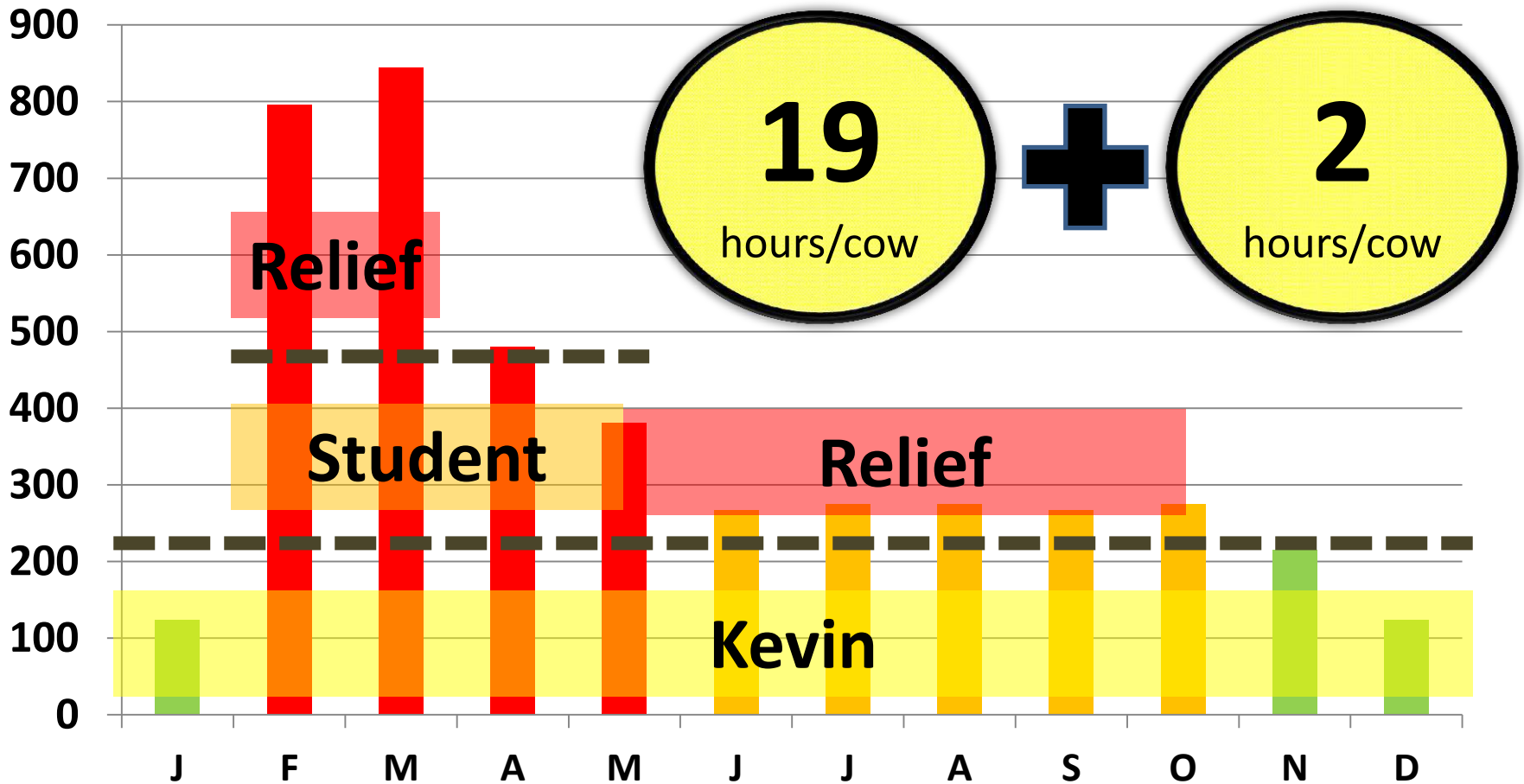
- Silage feeding (140 hours/yr.)
- Fertilizer Spreading (120 hours/yr.)
- Slurry spreading (220 hours/yr.)



- **Cost**

- Machinery work (€35,000-€40,000/yr.)
- Contract rearer (€35,000-€40,000/yr.)

# Hours worked – total 4,322 hrs



# Summary

- **Similar message to David Kerr**
  - **Cow / grass / contractors**
- **19 hours/cow**
- **Must I do everything?**
  - **Answer is NO**