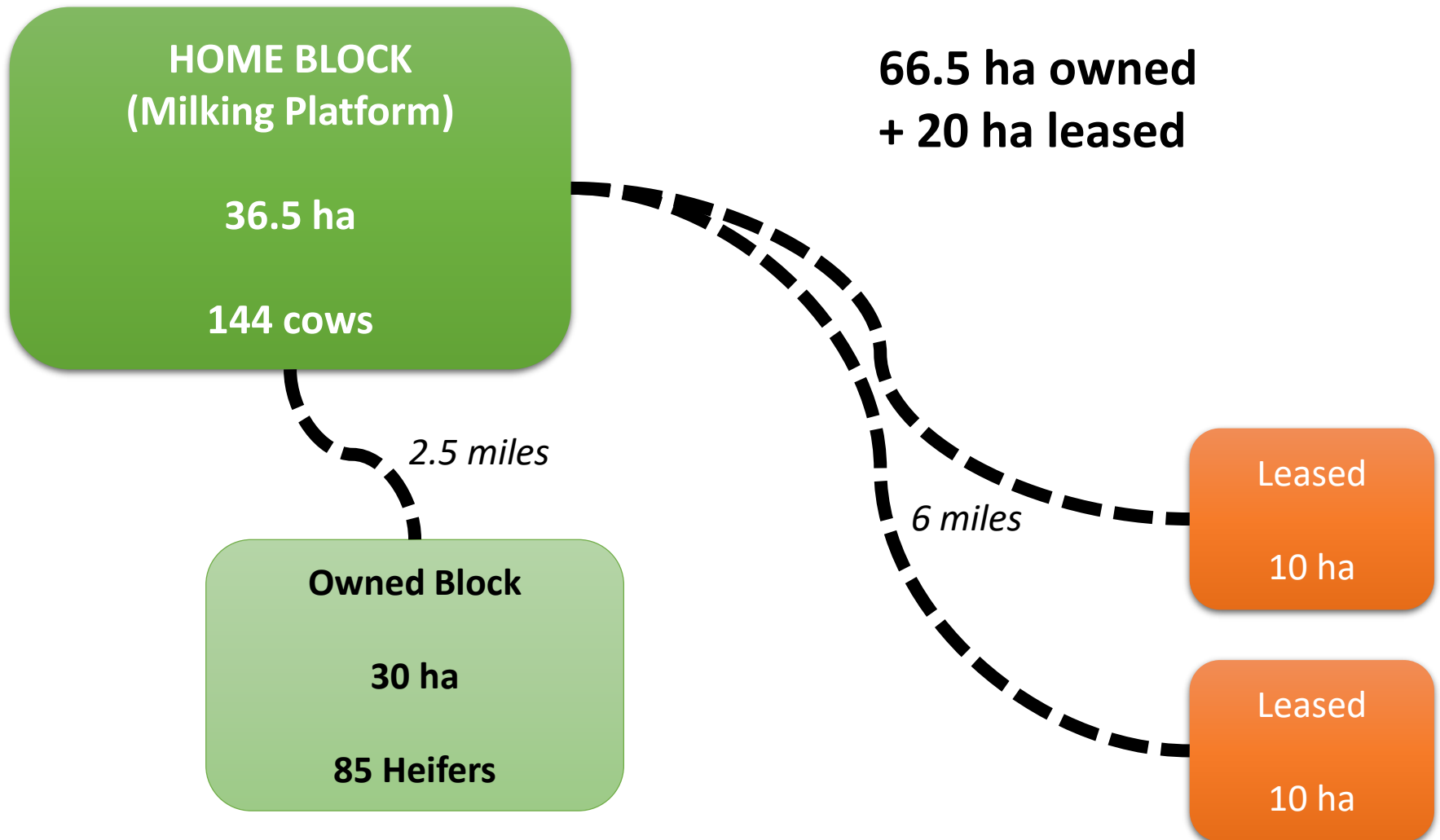


How I rear my calves

Eamonn Duggan

Durrow, Laois

Fragmented Farm



Farm statistics

- 70 ha owned (+23 ha leased) incl. 36 ha MP
- Grass grown (14.5 t DM in 2019)
- Overall stocking rate 2.3 LU/ha
- Average cow no. 144
- 520 kg milk solids sold (4.52% Fat 3.73% Pr.)
- Meal fed – 950 kg fed per cow

Compact calving key

(a). Summary Data - Report is based on dairy cows that calved between 01/07/2018 and 30/06/2019 . (Embryo births excluded)

Spring Calving Dates

	Start Calving	Median Calving ¹	Last Calving	Calving Period
All	28/01/2019	19/02/2019	18/04/2019	11 weeks + 3 days
Cows	28/01/2019	19/02/2019	14/04/2019	10 weeks + 6 days
Heifers	28/01/2019	12/02/2019	18/04/2019	11 weeks + 3 days

Avg Age Calving (Herd) 4y 9m

Avg Age Calving (Cows) 5y 3m

Avg Age Calving (Heifers) 1y 11m

	All			Heifers		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total Calves born	157	80	77	25	10	15
Calves Live at Birth	157	80	77	25	10	15
Calves Dead at Birth	0	0	0	0	0	0

Eligible Cows² 154

Total Dairy Calvings 152

(b). Top 6 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

1. Calving Interval (days)

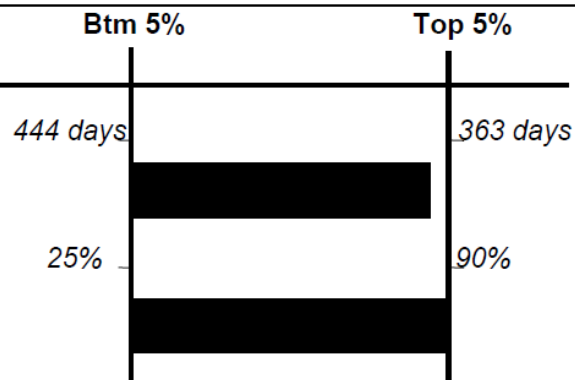
Average number of days between successive calvings for cows calved during the period. (127)

Your Herd

367 days

Nat Avg

390 days



2. Spring 6 Week Calving Rate

Number of cows/heifers calved within the first 6 weeks (139) as a proportion of all cows calved during the Spring. (152)
Note: Serve data used to calculate start of 6 week calving period (08/02/2019)

91%

65%



**Early born
calves**

Calving shed / later born calves

Calves for sale

Milking parlour

Accommodation available



Out farm



Milk bar



First & second summers



First winter



Summary

- **Compact calving**
 - Freeing up space around the yard
 - Making the most of a dry farm
 - Mobile calf feeder indispensable
- **Specialised housing not essential**