

## Autumn Calving – Calving Cameras

When calving has finished don't switch the cameras off. Recording behaviour during the mating period can be just as valuable helping to determine –

- That the bull is working and
- Predict expected dates of calving and
- Predict which animals might be barren.

Simply record each 24 hours behaviour and fast forward to identify cows being served etc. Service dates collected for the first 3 weeks can then be used to predict when each cow would return in the second 3 weeks if she doesn't hold. If there is no sign of her returning then there is a very good chance she is pregnant which allows an expected date of calving to be predicted.

If a large number of cows do return then it is an early warning that the bull might not be working and should be investigated ASAP.

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