

## Interpreting your Suggested Weigh Date Report

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| Year            | Sex | Season  | ---Birth Dates--- |           | Number<br>in group | Suggested Weigh Dates |             |             |  |  |  |         |
|                 |     |   | First             | Last      |                    | 200<br>Days           | 400<br>Days | 600<br>Days |  |  |  |         |
| 2004            | F   | Autumn  | 15-FEB-04         | 28-APR-04 | 10                 | 02-OCT-04             | 20-APR-05   | 06-NOV-05   |  |  |  |         |
| 2004            | M   | Autumn  | 23-JAN-04         | 26-APR-04 | 10                 | 24-SEP-04             | 12-APR-05   | 29-OCT-05   |  |  |  |         |

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1. The date the suggested weigh date report was created. The information contained in the suggested weigh date report is a reflection of the calves that were recorded with your Breed Society/Association on this date.
2. A description of each group of animals is provided. Specifically, the year of birth, season of birth & sex for each group of animals is listed.
3. The range of birth dates represented within each group of animals is outlined.
4. The number of animals represented within each group of animals is specified.
5. The suggested weigh dates for each group of animals are listed. These are simply the dates when the calves in each group are on average 200, 400 and 600 days of age, based on their birth dates. They should be used as a guide to the optimal time to record the post-birth weight performance of your animals.

In the above example, the suggested weigh date report provides information for the herd's 2004 autumn drop calves. More specifically, the report states :

- the herd had 10 x 2004 autumn drop heifers and 10 x 2004 autumn drop bulls recorded with their relevant Breed Society/Association on the date the report was produced (ie. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004).
- The birth dates for the heifer calves ranged from the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2004 to the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004.
- The birth dates for the bull calves ranged from the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2004 to the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004.
- The suggested weigh dates for the heifer calves are 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2004, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005 & 6<sup>th</sup> November 2005 (for 200 day weight, 400 day weight & 600 day weight respectively).
- The suggested weigh dates for the bull calves are 24<sup>th</sup> September 2004, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005 & 29<sup>th</sup> October 2005 (for 200 day weight, 400 day weight & 600 day weight respectively).

As an interpretation of this information, the herd in the above example should try to record the 200 day weight performance for their 2004 autumn drop calves around the end of September 2004, the 400 day weight performance in mid April 2005 and the 600 day weight performance in late October/early November 2005.