



## Feed Wastage Practice Audit



This checklist compares feed wastage rate to the relevant target for each feed-out method used.

Feed-out method used	Target*	Observed/ Measured	Action		Things to consider
			OK (v)	Check (?)	
a) In the dairy shed at milking	1%				Feeding system is not dispensing accurately and consistently into each bail Feed freshness, palatability and quality Build-up of stale feed in bails Bails are being over-filled Cows not hungry e.g. recently fed other feed Sick cows in herd e.g. acidosis
b) In grazing paddock, on pasture	5%				Wet conditions Pasture too long Hay/silage chopped too long PMR over or under processed Feed freshness, palatability and quality Cows not hungry e.g. recently fed other feed Sick cows in herd e.g. acidosis
c) Using temporary feed-out area, feeding on bare ground, in ring feeders, old tractor tyres or under a fence line	5%				Wet conditions Hay/silage chopped too long PMR over or under processed Feed freshness, palatability and quality Build-up of stale feed in feeders Feeders are being over-filled Inadequate feeder space per cow Poor feeder design Cows not hungry e.g. recently fed other feed Sick cows in herd e.g. acidosis
d) Using semi-permanent feed-out facility with a compacted surface and low-cost feed troughing	5%				Wet conditions Hay/silage chopped too long PMR /TMR over or under processed Feed freshness, palatability and quality Build-up of stale feed in troughs Troughs are being over-filled Inadequate trough space per cow Poor trough design Cows not hungry e.g. recently fed other feed Sick cows in herd e.g. acidosis
e) Using permanent feedpad with a compacted surface and purpose-built feed troughing	2%				As per d)
f) Using permanent, fully developed feedpad with concrete surfaces	1%				As per d)

\* Minimum feed wastage rate achievable under dry conditions