

## **Fantasy Farming II**

### **Competition Guidelines**

1. The Fantasy Farming competition will be made up of teams that must consist of two beef farmers and one dairy farmer from the Yorkshire area. As part of the process we will need to know each competitors farm holding number. There will be a maximum of 30 competitors and competitors will be placed into teams.
2. Each team will be allocated a pen of animals (picked at random on the launch day). Pens will consist of eight bull calves. Made up of 2 Holstein, 2 British Friesian, 2 Brown Swiss, 1 Montbéliard and 1 Swedish Red (two pens have 2 Montbéliards and no Swedish Reds – this was due to availability of the calves). The team will select a team name and nominate a captain, the captain will be responsible for submitting all information relating to the animals, including feed formulation, vet treatments and drafting of the market ready animals.
3. The team Captain is expected to submit any Management changes on their pen of animals on the dates given (every 28 days (reminders will be sent via text to the team captains)). Late submissions will result in changes not made until the next available time.
4. All team members are expected to attend the meetings. This is a condition of the funding arrangements. A substitute can be fielded from your business in place of a team member.
5. Animals will be weighed every 28 days and results will be made available to team captains within 2 days of weighing and then all information will be put onto the website.
6. Animals can only be a maximum of 12 months old when they are sold and must weigh over 180kg Deadweight.
7. At the mid season review (20<sup>th</sup> April) you have to nominate which 7 animals you want to put forward to the final results.
8. Rations are to be designed from the ingredients list provided. All rations are subject to demand and availability. Anything that is not on the feed list and can be sourced locally in small quantities will also be provided.
9. No admittance to the National Beef unit will be allowed without permission from Oliver White or member of staff from the College.
10. Any disputes should be made to Oliver White and this will then be addressed by an independent panel.
11. Fixed cost will be allocated on a per animal per day basis. This will be set at £0.51 per day.
12. Each time the full team attends a bonus £1 contribution will be added to the overall margin per month.
13. Any additional costs will be charged to you per pen of animals; including vaccinations, vet attendance, vet medication, excluding death disposal cost.
14. The college farm staff will be responsible for the day to day care of all animals.
15. The winning team will be the one with the highest average gross margin per animal.