

Table 1: Maize silage analysis

Variable	Value
Dry matter	31%
Starch	36%
Protein	8.6%
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.8
NDF (%DM)	40
Ash (%DM)	3.6
NCGD (%DM)	71

Table 2: Grass silage analysis

Variable	Value
Dry matter	27%
pH	3.9
ME(Mj/kg DM)	12
Protein	13
DMD (%DM)	77
Neutral detergent fibre (%DM)	46

Table 3: Finishing budget for 2015 purchased heifers

Variable	Value
Purchase weight	kg
Purchase price	€945 (€1.99/kg)
Days on farm	€124
Average DLWG	1.3kg/day
Sale weight	636kg
Kill out %	51%
Carcase weight	324kg
Feed costs	€199 (€1.60/day average)
Direct costs	€40
Breakeven price	€3.65/kg