

## Location & Grazing Contracts

Accurately forecasting stock movements on and off-farm, especially cows through winter, is key to building a representative feed budget. The **Location** screen in FARMAX Dairy is the go-to place for planning off-farm stock movements and contract grazing expenses.

To represent animals within a mob moving off-farm, in this case Heifer calves at weaning, navigate to the **Location** screen, select *New* and add a *Send Off* event. Once the event is populated, add the details of the transaction, such as the date, and number of animals sent.

To bring stock back on farm, follow the same process, but enter a *Bring Back* event.

Figure 1 – Example Send Off event for Heifer Calves 17

For dry cows grazed off-farm, the same event-based process applies, however the **Location** graph will visually display when cows are coming into milk at calving. If cows are bought back to the milking platform incrementally before calving, there is a shortcut available which will add events automatically based on the details set. The tick-box to action this option can be found at the top of the screen, with more settings available after selecting the *Details* option.

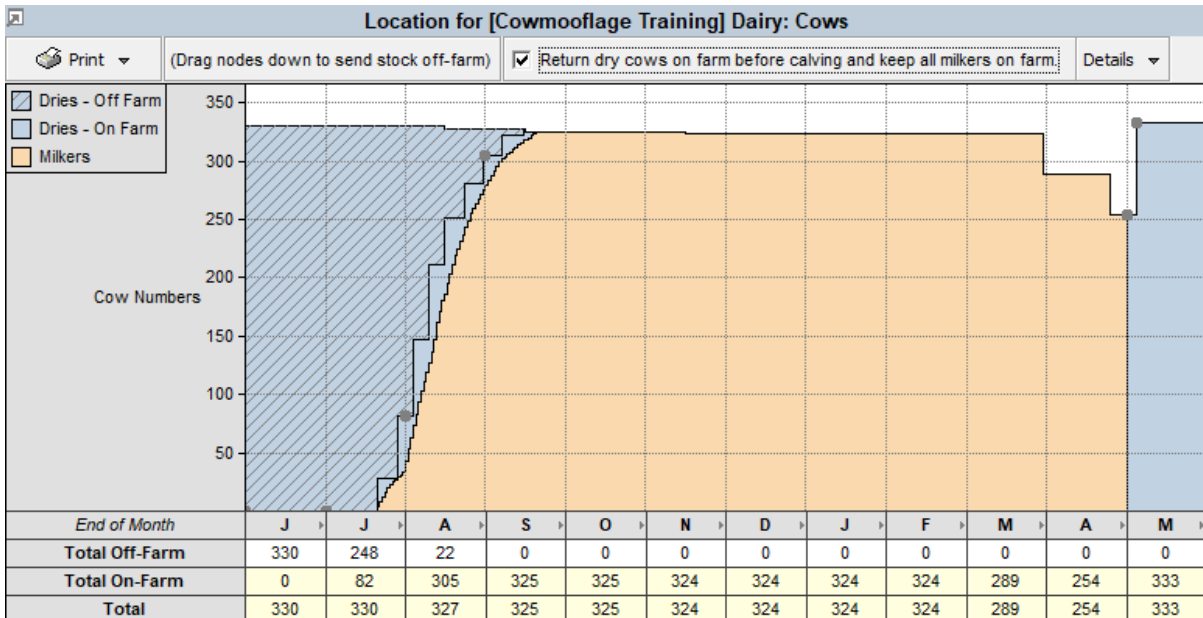


Figure 2 – FARMAX Dairy location screen for a lactating mob

Age (months)	Grazing Fee (\$/hd/week)	Age (months)	Grazing Fee (\$/hd/week)
0 - 4	5.00	15	8.00
5	5.00	16	8.00
6	5.00	17	8.00
7	5.00	18	8.00
8	5.00	19	8.00
9	5.00	20	8.00
10	8.00	21	8.00
11	8.00	22	22.00
12	8.00	23	22.00
13	8.00	24 +	22.00
14	8.00		

Updating the location of animals in FARMAX Dairy, has a flow-on effect of updating the *Grazing* expense of the farm. Grazing contracts can be created and edited in the **Contracts** database, and applied to each mob at their respective **Properties** screen. Grazing contracts can be setup for several different agreement

types, including: \$/head/week agreements which change with either animal age or month of the year, dry-matter eaten (also by age or month) and weight gain, measured in \$/kg LWG.