

Can you *afford* not to install *Pasture Mats*® ?

Sand v Pasture Mat®

[Figures are all per cow, based on a 100 cow herd]



Sand



2 tonne/cow/year **£28.00**
(sand costs £14/t 100cows)
Thrower dep/yr **£2.50**
(£2,500/10yrs dep./100cows)
Extra machinery wear **£3.00**
(£3,000/10yrs/100cows)
Dry sand storage **£2.00**
(£2000/10yrs/100cows)
Extra tractor **£3.50**
(1hr @ £7.50/hr, twice/wk. 25wks)

Total **£39.00 cow/yr**

Pasture Mats®



£51.00 fitted over 10yrs **£5.10**
(£48per mattress, £3 fitting)
Extra Concrete (over 20 yrs) **£0.31**
(£75per m³, 1cubic m will do 12beds)
75 kgs Sawdust/cow **£7.50**
(20kg bags costing £2/bags)

Total **£12.91 cow/yr**

This is a difference of **£26.09** per cow, every year
Can you afford to lose a total of £26 090.00*
by not installing *Pasture Mats*®
*[Based on 100cows over 10 years]

Other Considerations not accounted for:

Levelling of sand daily
Digging out of manure pats
Reduced Occupancy
Sand in Bulk Tank
May corrode barn equipment sooner
Inert bedding so less bacterial issues

Putting sawdust in by barrow
Sweeping manure pats off
Less bedding to handle so easier to control
bacterial problems

There is no evidence to prove that cows prefer sand. Cows choose sand when there is no other option, however often they may prefer *Pasture Mats*!

Cows will rest longer on mattresses compared with when sand has been dug out or left uneven.

