**Life Cycle of a Number 9 Cow**

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| **cow moved to**  **the milking herd**  **artificially inseminated**  **after 3 months**  **dried off at 300 days** | **birth**  **removed from mother**  **at 24 hrs**  **females have 12 weeks in calf shed**  **moved to the grower herd and grown until 350kg liveweight at around 15 months of age**  **moved to the mating herd for about 6 weeks**  **moved to the dry cow herd**  **moved to the springer herd about 4 weeks before calving**  **Moved to the milking herd 24 hours after calving** | **males sold at local**  **saleyards as bobby calves** |

**Holstein cows are kept until around 11 years of age and Illawarras until about 8 years of age.**