We often get the following question: How many cows or heifers should a yearling bull settle in his first breeding season?

A safe industry-accepted number of females per yearling bull is one female per month of age of the bull. Example: if you buy a February born bull and turn him out in June, he would be 16 months of age at the time of first service and should be expected to settle 16 females. Although many bulls are capable of heavier service, sticking with this recommendation will help ensure all females conceive in the early part of the breeding season.

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