



Farm News

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Livestock health. Lifetime productivity.

All your dairy herd needs—forthcoming events

How vet technology delivers results
29 March 2017, 12-2pm, Marhamchurch



We will discuss how the latest technology not only delivers results but strengthens and improves the vet / farmer / milk buyer relationship.

- Improving dairy herd fertility
- Detecting udder infections with greater accuracy
- Using locomotion scoring to maintain milk yields
- Making the most of genomics to breed a better herd

Improving calf development
15 March 2017, 7-9pm, Bradworthy



We will introduce you to the National XL Vets Calf Tracker Scheme and discuss case studies where it has worked and how it can help you.

- Introduction to Calf Tracker
- The importance of pneumonia vaccinations
- Management of colostrum feeding
- Benchmarking of current client case studies

Make the most of your herd's genetic potential

Farm Director, Phil Leighton has been carrying out Clarifide® genomic testing.



Genomic testing is changing the way dairy farmers make **management, selection and breeding decisions** on farm.

By simply taking a hair sample from these young heifers he will be able to analyse their genetic potential and **identify which heifers have desirable genetic traits for the farm's business** and make effective breeding decisions based on this.

Clarifide® genomic testing works by improving the reliability of composite and individual heifer predicted transmitting abilities, from approximately 25% (based on parent averages), to **60-70%**.

The Clarifide® package allows you to work with your vets to **discover the current strengths and weaknesses of your herd's genetic profile** and then to determine which genetic traits are most important to improving the future profitability of your animals.

If you would like to learn more about **Clarifide® genomic testing**, and how it could help accelerate genetic progress on your herd, give Phil Leighton (Stratton and Camelford) or Andy Tyrer (Holsworthy and Bradworthy) a call.

You can find out more online here <http://www.penbodevets.co.uk/farmvets/clarifide>

Spring bolusing

The pre-calving management period is a key time to set up the herd for calving, lactation and return to service, and is vital for healthy calves.

Farmers are generally very good at realising the importance of nutrition in terms of energy requirements and body condition, but **we shouldn't neglect the importance of adequate mineral status.**

The trace elements with the most significance during this period are **copper, iodine and selenium** - partially because of their importance for healthy offspring and partially because of their role in fertility.

There are a number of diagnostics available for determining the trace element status of animals. The simplest way to get a good picture is to use forage analysis in conjunction with blood samples. Imbalances should be investigated allowing plenty of time to implement any potential nutritional changes which may be required.

The main reason for different trace element deficiencies across England and Wales is variable geology and soils, and top dressing your pasture may prove to be a long term solution. But in the short term, there are various ways of supplementing your livestock's feedstuff, including free-choice and in-feed minerals, drenches and slow release boluses.

CoseIcure cattle boluses contain copper, cobalt, selenium and iodine and last up to six months in cattle.

Before supplementing trace elements, particularly copper and selenium which can be toxic, it is essential that you seek your vet's advice.

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event | Venue |
|--------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 15-Mar | Calf development | Bradworthy Inn, Bradworthy |
| 21-Mar | Pets: GI & parasites talk | The Bullers Arms, Marhamchurch |
| 29-Mar | All your dairy herd needs | The Bullers Arms, Marhamchurch |
| 5-Apr | Beef walk & talk | Larkworthy Farm, Ashwater |
| 20-Apr | Vital90 dairy talk | The CowShed, Holsworthy Market |

Special offers



Coseicure - unique glass bolus
£65 for 20 (treats 10 cows)
FREE gun with 50 cow pack

(All Special Offer prices are for cash or DD payment. Valid to 31/3/2017)

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