



LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | Summer 2018

Welcome to the Summer edition of CIS News featuring information to support breeding and genetics, along with a farmer focus in their third generation of dairy farming. We also share industry updates, team member news and list the forthcoming events CIS will be attending.

Genomics in Cattle Breeding by Dr Darren Todd



Cows are made up of trillions of tiny cells and each one has a bit of DNA inside. Dr Darren Todd of NBDC (National Bovine Data Centre) shares his insight on genomics in cattle breeding.

The DNA carries the instructions or code on how to build muscle, bone and even produce milk. Chunks of DNA that have the instruction for one particular bit of the body are called 'genes'.

[Read more...](#)

You Tube: AHDB Dairy



Are you making the most of Genomics to breed a better herd?

In this webinar Marco Winters, AHDB Dairy Head of Genetics, highlights how UK Genomic evaluations, available since 2012, are transforming the UK breeding industry.

The webinar explains the fundamentals of genomics, as well as evidence of its ability to predict future performance of daughter proven bulls.

[View on You Tube...](#)

Farmer Focus: M & MB Davies and JM & BS Jones, Monmouthshire



For over 25 years Jeff and Sian Jones have been farming at Storefield Farm near Magor, Monmouthshire.

They farm around 200 acres overlooking the Severn Bridge and Bristol Channel and the farm is home to Larchwood and Chequers Holsteins. The Larchwood herd comprises 120 pedigree Holstein cows and 110 followers, whilst the Chequers herd is a nucleus group of high genetic animals owned by their daughter Carys.

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INDUSTRY UPDATES

- Johne's Classification rule changes. [View article](#)
- Holstein UK Five Year Strategy for 2018 to 2022 has been published. [Download](#)
- Welsh BVD eradication scheme. [Find out more.](#)

CIS Long Service Awards

Congratulations to 25 members of the CIS team who have been recognised for their service to the business with presentations of CIS Long Service Awards.

In total 440 years of service, a huge thank you for such dedicated excellent service to the business.

Bruce Fairlie	45 years
Karen Scullion	30 years
Susan Kyle	25 years
Kathleen McWhirter	25 years
Jane Sproat	25 years
Jean McHarg	25 years
Brenda Sutton	20 years
Ruth Crank	20 years
Kate Fleming	20 years
Janet Heath	20 years
Ann Devenish	15 years

Gary Graham	15 years
Peter Harrison	15 years
Susan Holland	15 years
Willowe Keeley	15 years
Ruth McGarry	15 years
Ellen Wilson	15 years
Mairi Ralston	10 years
Amanda Wilkes	10 years
Helen Houseman	10 years
Louise MacPherson	10 years
Terry Mancey	10 years
Linda Robinson	10 years
David Cottrell	10 years
David Hambrook	10 years



1: Bruce Fairlie presented by Janette Mathie. **2:** Kathleen McWhiter presented by Robert Clark
3: Susan Kyle and Jean McHarg presented by Liz Brown **4:** Brenda Sutton presented by Janette Mathie and Bernadette Crayston **5:** Ellen Wilson presented by John Duckworth **6:** Amanda Wilkes presented by Janette Mathie

New Starter

Sarah Hitchings – CIS Milk Recorder



Sarah has joined CIS as an employed milk recorder covering Devon, working for Noni Smith. In her spare time Sarah is very active with her ex racehorses and is a regular swimmer.

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Great Yorkshire Show
Tues 10th to Thurs 12th July 2018
Harrogate, Yorkshire, HG2 8NZ



Turiff Show
Sun 5th & Mon 6th August 2018
Turiff Showground, The Haughs,
Queen's Road, Turiff, AB53 4EF



Royal Welsh
Mon 23rd to Thurs 26th July 2018
Llanelwedd, Builth Wells,
Powys, LD2 3SY



National Young Stars
Tues 21st & Weds 22nd August 2018
Three Counties Showground,
Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW

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