



LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | October 2017

This month's newsletter looks at BVD and the testing service available from CIS. We also highlight Scottish Funding to support Dairy Pro membership and list two events that CIS will be attending. Also don't forget to order your CIS Diary for 2018.

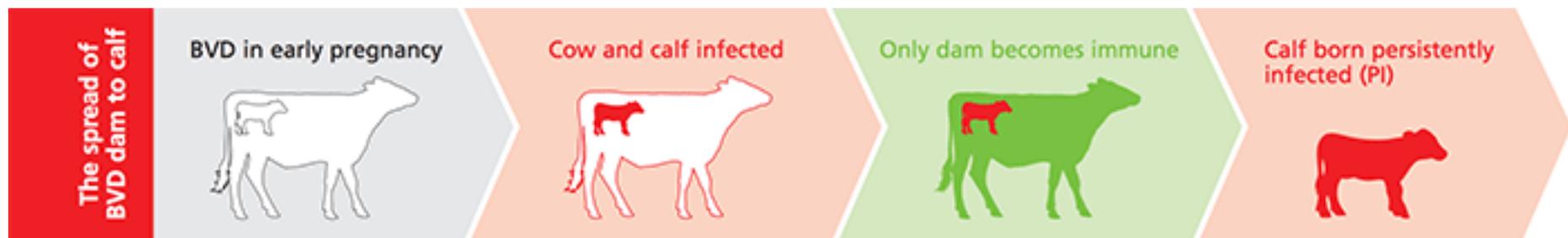
BVD – The Disease

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) is a highly contagious viral disease in cattle caused by the pestivirus. The virus is maintained within a cattle population by animals Persistently Infected (PI) with the disease. BVD can be spread directly by infected animals, or indirectly such as by visitors or equipment contaminated with the virus.

A large proportion of BVD infections occur after birth, with animals becoming transiently infected (TI) before recovering. Transiently infected cattle may show no clinical signs, whereas other cases may result in reproductive problems in adult cattle and difficult to treat cases of scours and pneumonia in calves.

An unborn calf infected with BVD virus in the first 120 days of pregnancy, unless it is aborted or reabsorbed, is likely to be born PI. These PI animals are the greatest source of BVD infection to other cattle, as they shed high levels of virus throughout their lifetime. An animal cannot become PI after birth.

[Click to learn more about the disease...](#)



Source: *BVDFree Website*

BVD – Support

CIS are one of the many organisations that have signed up to a statement of intent on BVD control and elimination.



BVD as one of the biggest disease issues facing the cattle industry currently and one which is in the hands of the sector to control and eradicate. CIS fully back the eradication of BVD from the national cattle herd.

[Find out more...](#)

BVD – Testing with Milk Sample



BVD Tests can be undertaken using samples collected as part of routine individual milk recording.

Quarterly testing will enable a minimum 3 results per cow per year to be tested from only 78p per cow with no set up charges or admin fees.

[Find out more...](#)

BVD – Tag & Tissue Sample



CIS offer BVD Testing using Tag and Test.

Ear tissue tags collect a tissue sample from the ear whilst you tag the animal. The tissue sample is collected in an individually labelled, air-tight, tamper proof container which is sent to the CIS laboratory to be tested for BVD Virus. Results are returned within a week to both you and your vet. Contact your eartag provider for a submission form or call CIS on 01923 695219.

[Complete submission form...](#)

Farmer Focus – DJ Smith, Pilehayes Farm, Exeter



At 17 instead of buying a car Dennis Smith bought his first pedigree heifers and since then he has built a prestigious herd that has been 5 times regional finalist for the Holstein UK Premier Herd competition.

Dennis currently milks 70 pedigree Holsteins, the herd prefix is Oakroyal, and is a loyal customer of CIS milk recording 6 weekly and health testing for BVD and Johnes. and the family's daughter Noni is an Area Manager for Devon.

The health of this prestigious herd is paramount and. supported by his daughter Noni who is CIS Area Manager for Devon, they have been BVD testing herd through Tag & Test for several years.

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THE 2018 CIS DIARY IS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

The A4 diary is supplied in a ring binder with plenty of space to write notes against key dates.

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Scottish Funding for Dairy Pro Membership



AHDB have secured a grant from Scottish Government that will allow all Scottish dairy businesses to be signed up to Dairy Pro, the professional development register.

Membership of the Dairy Pro scheme, which offers access to a range of training services, is normally £20 a year, however the fee for 2017/18 will be waived for new members, current members will also benefit from free membership next year.

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NEW STARTER

Katie Weaver - CIS Milk Recorder



Katie joins the Midlands team to cover Cheshire and Shropshire. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her son and managing her flock of 80 breeding ewes & replacements, made up of pedigree Zwartbles and Shropshires, and being out and about selling breeding stock and fat lambs.

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**Welsh Dairy Show,
United Counties Showground,
Carmarthen
Tuesday 24th October**



**AgriScot,
Highland Centre,
Edinburgh
Wednesday 15th November**

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