



## LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | October 2018

**As winter approaches and Brexit is still the hot topic of conversation this edition of the CIS newsletter features tools that AHDB have available including a Brexit Impact Calculator. We also feature articles on winter housing, managing the reproductive programme for your herd and how PregCheck benefits CIS customers.**

We would also like to hear your views on CIS and the services we offer by completing our customer feedback survey. The short online survey only takes a few minutes and you will be entered into a draw to win £250 worth of CIS services. If you are visiting the Welsh Dairy Show or AgriScot please visit the Holstein UK trade stand and say hello to the CIS team and enjoy refreshments.

### Brexit: Fit for the Future



**Fit for the future (FFTF) is about looking at your business as a business, putting together a plan of where you want to go and making informed business decisions. As part of FFTF, AHDB have developed tools like a Brexit Impact Calculator and farm benchmarking software, Farmbench. Alongside this, AHDB also produce a range of tools and resources that can help dairy farmers work through business planning issues.**

AHDB are also broadening the scope of the skills programme by running regular on and offline workshops to approach the subject of farming and growing business in as many ways as possible. Take a look at the tools, resources and latest reports on the issues AHDB see affecting the agriculture industry.

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### AHDB Technical Information: Buildings

**AHDB have a hub of great technical information online that brings together numerous topics under the umbrella of dairy housing. Information covers management systems including, straw yard housing, cubicles and kennel builds. It provides**

The chapters, available to download, provide top line requirements, these maybe legal or welfare requirements, identify points to 'think about' which will 'make a difference', and includes specific examples of layout diagrams for reference.

[Find out more...](#)

## PregCheck: Managing the reproductive programme for your herd

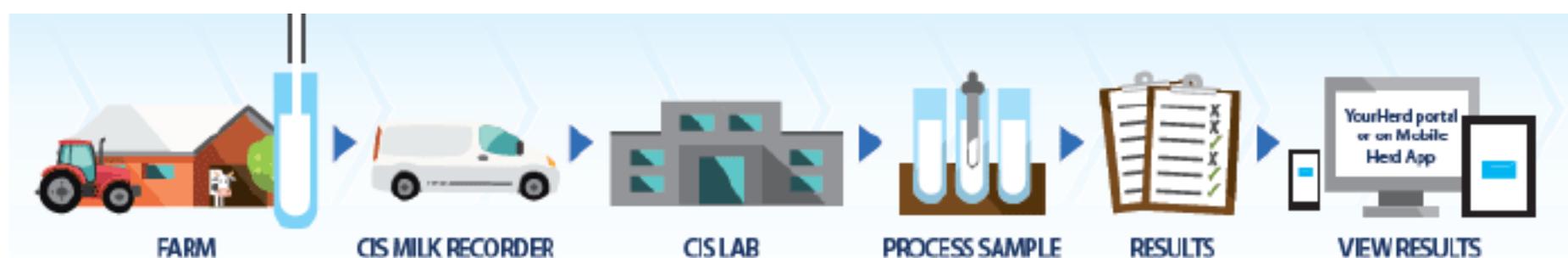


The CIS PregCheck service makes it easy to minimise the days that cows are not pregnant at any time throughout gestation. It is non-invasive and hassle free by testing samples from milk recording.

The first test can be used from 28 days after service and 60 days after calving. Results flagged as a recheck will be retested free of charge.

Incorporate milk pregnancy testing into your routine milk recording with CIS.

[View the services...](#)



The milk pregnancy test is based on ELISA technology and detects the presence of Pregnancy Associated Glycoproteins (PAGs) in the milk sample. It has a 98% level of accuracy.

Test with Confidence™



## Farmer Focus: MEM & CR Morgan, Llanrhystud, Aberystwyth

The Morgan family, mother Mary and son Rhys, have been farming in partnership at Llanrhystud near Aberystwyth for over 10 years.

The Holstein herd, which comprises of 187 dairy cows and



90 youngstock, are milked twice a day in a 10/20 swing over parlour. The cows are in over the winter and out during the summer months with an all year round calving pattern. The family has been a CIS customer for over four years and uses the CIS Complete Package which includes PregCheck.

[Read more...](#)

## Farmer Focus: Bruce & Jenny Ravenhill, Umberleigh, Devon



**Great Blakewell Farm is run by Bruce and Jennifer Ravenhill and their daughter Jessica who has recently returned from studying agriculture at university to work on the home farm full time.**

The farm has 195 pedigree Jersey's under the prefix of Whitenhill. Over the last two years CIS has been providing a milk recording service along with quarterly testing for Johne's, PregCheck and type classification, which are all part of the CIS Jersey Complete Service.

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[CLICK HERE](#) TO COMPLETE OUR SURVEY

*\* One entry per prefix and all questions are to be answered for entry into the draw.  
Completed surveys received up to midnight on 31 December 2018*

## ARC: Approved Registered Cattle

**A new initiative and mark that provides traceability of registered cattle to the industry through a tissue bank has been launched.**



The Approved Registered Cattle (ARC™) initiative is available to Holstein UK members offering a great variety of cattle ear tags at competitive prices and from tissue samples submitted the society can store or send off for testing for genomics or parentage. Members can purchase ARC tissue tags through the Holstein UK now by phone or email and online from Spring 2019. Tissue can also be submitted for non-pedigree cattle when registered through a separate database. The initiative will be available for other breeds during 2019.

[Find out more...](#)

## CIS Out & About



**Welsh Dairy Show**  
**Tuesday 30th October 2018**  
The Showground, Nantyci,  
Carmarthen, SA33 5DR



**AgriScot**  
**Wednesday 21st November 2018**  
Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston,  
Edinburgh, EH28 8NB

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