



LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | December 2016

Welcome to the December edition of the CIS Newsletter.

This month we focus on Johne's Disease and how it can affect your herd. Dan Humphries from Lambert Leonard & May has provided an overview on what to look out for along with some of the different testing options available.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Johne's Disease

Johne's Disease is a chronic, debilitating and irreversible infection of cattle which is common in many herds. Whilst a few as 1-5% of cows in any year will show clinical signs of scour or wasting, more of the herd will be affected and suffer reduced output. Animals with Johne's Disease are likely to be culled earlier, and are also likely to be affected by other conditions, including chronic mastitis, lameness and high somatic cell counts.

Source: Action Johne's 2016



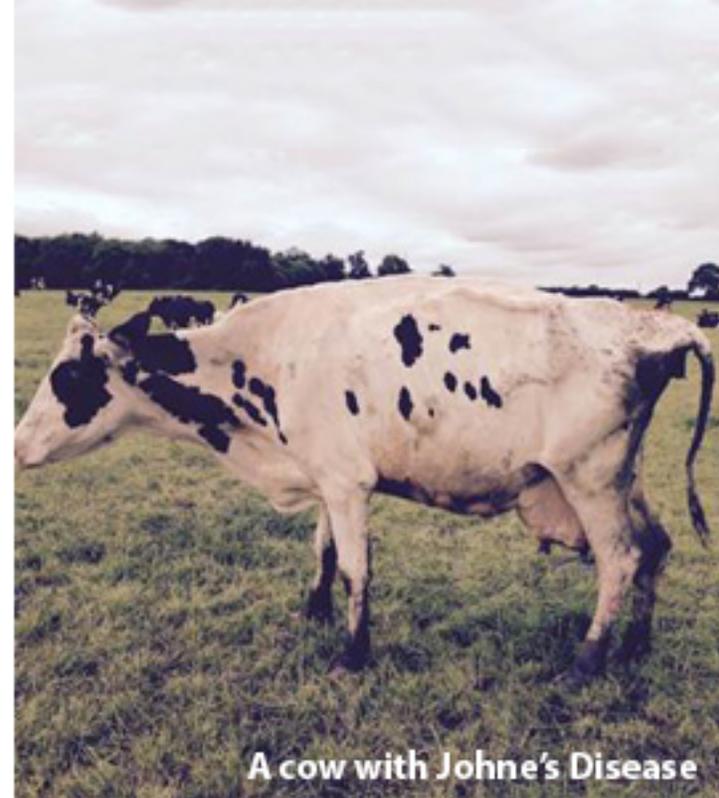
DAN HUMPHRIES – Johne's from a vet's view

Johne's disease is a fatal wasting disease of cattle, and is an increasing problem on farms across the UK. Industry focus and retailer pressure have raised the awareness of Johne's disease, and more and more is being done to attempt to reduce its impact on the dairy sector. One of the largest challenges in

combatting Johne's disease is the early detection of those animals which are infected in order to apply necessary control measures to limit further spread of the disease, both in the herd and between herds.

With a few different testing options available, you can find out more about some of the points to consider when deciding how best to test your herd.

[Read more...](#)



A cow with Johne's Disease

STEPHEN BONE, TRENGWANTON – Action on Johne's

Fourth generation Cornish farmer, Stephen Bone has been farming at Trengwainton Farm with his wife, Alison, and parents for the last 17 years. They have a relationship with CIS spanning 15 years, using both milk recording and health testing services.

Five years ago, Stephen decided to start regular testing with the intention of identifying the level of Johne's in the herd with the long term aim of controlling and eradicating the disease. The result of using the CIS Johne's Monitoring Service has been better fertility and higher productivity in his dairy herd.

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ABI READER – Educating about the dairy industry

CIS customer, Abi Reader, farms at Goldsland Farm near Cardiff – she is the 3rd generation of the family to farm. Abi milks 190 Holstein and Shorthorn cattle and has a flock of 200 Polled Dorset sheep. The farm grows 70 acres of maize and 150 acres of cereals which is rotated around the farm.

Abi holds many positions which include NFU Cymru

Glamorgan County Chair and an Appointee on the NFU HQ Dairy Board. Somehow, she manages to farm, be an active member of various organisations and societies, and still finds the time to educate the general public about where our food comes from. This inspirational woman is extremely passionate about communicating the importance of farming to the wider community and regularly participates in educational talks, workshops and school visits to generate interest and understanding about the British dairy industry. For the dairy industry to see a positive change, Abi believes that there must be genuine understanding by consumers from farm to fridge – and therefore it's important to educate and communicate.

[Read more about Abi's active campaigning for British dairying including Open Farm Sunday...](#)



CIS MANAGEMENT DIARY 2017

The CIS Management Diary is an invaluable tool for all dairy farmers and their staff.

It includes:

- Full 1 week to view diary for day to day herd management
- Medicine and Movement records
- Breeding, Feeding and Waste Management Plans
- Complies fully with National Farm Assurance

Diaries can be ordered through your CIS Milk Recorder, CIS Area Manager or from the CIS Processing Office -

Tel: **01923 695213** or Email: **johannaholmes@thecis.co.uk**



DAIRY FARM OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

CIS would like to congratulate K & I Millar & Sons of the Trailflat Herd, Lockerbie on winning the Scottish Dairy Farm of the Year Competition.

The competition is open to all milk recorded herds in Scotland and is judged by an independent assessor, with the winner being announced at AgriScot.



We are recruiting Milk Recorders to visit dairy farmers on the Shropshire/Derbyshire border.

Call Sue Joyce on **07810 128 640**

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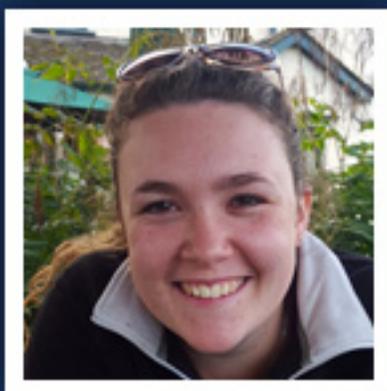


WHAT'S ON

Royal Ulster Winter Fair, Balmoral Park **8th December 2016**

TEAM NEWS

Toni Riley - Milk Recorder



Toni lives in Market Drayton and joins the CIS as a milk recorder for the Shropshire area. Toni has a BSc in Animal Biology and has previously been involved in the farming community, having done lambing at Nottingham University.

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Laura Davies - Milk Recorder



Laura lives near Shrewsbury and has recently joined the CIS to milk record across the Shropshire area. Laura is the secretary of her local Young Farmers Club and her interests include horse riding and shooting

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