



LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | February 2016

Welcome to the first CIS E-Newsletter bringing you the latest industry news, information on key services, farmer focus and what's on in the next few weeks.

CIS is farmer-owned and farmer-controlled and involves all the leading cattle organisations. Our vision is to improve standards of service, accuracy and value throughout all dairy herd management information practices.

We offer a range of services for dairy farmers that provide data to make informed decisions about current and future herd performance.



MILK RECORDING



HEALTH TESTING



GENO CIS



CELL COUNT



CIS LABORATORY



PEDIGREE PACKAGES



PREG CHECK



The National Johnes Management Plan aims to bring consistency and clarity to the control of Johnes disease on farm.

The Action Group on Johnes is supported by milk purchasers and farming support groups, including CIS, who have come together to create the National Johnes Management Plan.

Be aware and take action - every farm is different but there is a strategy for you to control Johnes disease. Action Johnes is about choosing strategies that meet the needs and aspirations of individual farmers. A combination of the six strategies for Johnes disease control from the National Johnes Management Plan, worked through with your vet as part of your herd health plan, will help you manage the risk of Johnes disease on farm.

Visit the [Action Johnes website](http://actionjohnes.co.uk) for information or use the email helpline at team@actionjohnes.co.uk

HEALTH TESTING FOR JOHNE'S

The CIS Johnes Monitoring Services provides testing of your cattle to help manage the potential disease affecting your current and future herd.

Johne's is a chronic progressive intestinal disease caused by the infection with Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis (MAP). Johne's disease has a significant impact on the technical performance of the cow, affecting productivity and fertility.

[DOWNLOAD a CIS Johne's Factsheet](#)



JOHNE'S TESTING

[CLICK HERE TO REQUEST FREE JOHNE'S MONITORING SERVICE FLYER & QUOTATION](#)

FARMER FOCUS - Jim Fingland of Castle Douglas



Taking the step from beef farming to dairy farming in the current climate was a challenge that was not going to be a hurdle for one Scottish dairy farmer.

In 2014 Jim Fingland of Castle Douglas saw his dream come to life by building a new dairy unit on a green field site. Now milking 115 Holsteins Jim, with support from his father, has grown the herd through rearing his own heifers as well and purchasing some replacements.

Despite the low milk price he has faith in his milk buyer Arla who run regular group meeting which provide excellent information and tips to increase knowledge. Importantly these meeting also offer the social element in what can be a lonely tough industry.

Jim has recently graded up his herd with Holstein UK which adds value, provides history and helps him decide which Type factors are required in the herd.

"One of the highs is the satisfaction I have seen through my own breeding and seeing this through the herd. Data is king and this is where CIS really helps my business providing invaluable individual results, KPI, ketosis and acidosis analysis. In addition the MobileHerd app on my phone is a fantastic tool to have the data of individual cows at my fingertips when in the yard", comments Jim.

WHAT'S ON

Doe Show, Essex	2nd to 4th Feb
Yorkshire Agri Machinery Show	3rd Feb
Energy Now	10th & 11th Feb
Norfolk Farming Conference	11th Feb
British Shooting Show	12th to 14th Feb
NFU Conference	23rd & 24th Feb
Agri Expo	2nd March
Borderway UK Dairy Expo	12th March



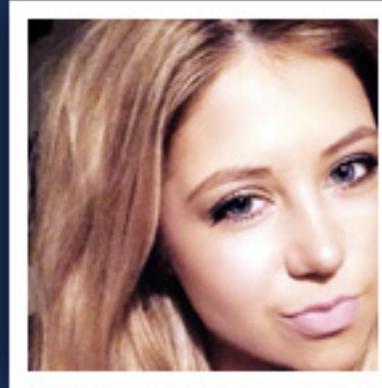
NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Ffion Rees

Ffion represents CIS in South Wales sharing CIS services and advice with dairy farmers and in her spare time runs a herd of Pedigree Herefords.

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Emily Wainwright

Working in Cheshire Emily, a farmers daughter and chairperson of Macclesfield YFC, joins as a milk recorder.

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