



Welcome to the July CIS Newsletter. This month the CIS team are out and about at a number of events across the country so visit the Holstein UK, CIS & CDI stand for refreshments. The team will be on hand to offer information on the latest services and pick up a copy of the new look Journal magazine.

This month sees the launch of the BVDFree England campaign supported by CIS, read more in this newsletter about BVD and the CIS BVD Tissue Analysis service we offer.

BVDFree England

One of the biggest disease issues facing the UK cattle industry is BVD. As a result a number of the devolved Governments have put in place eradication programmes.

The CIS laboratory at Telford has been undertaking health testing via tissue, milk and blood and is a designated lab for all current schemes – this now includes the BVDFree England launched as a voluntary scheme on 1 July 2016 aimed to mirror other schemes already running. The focus is on providing a central resource where people can store their test results in a searchable database thus allowing possible purchasers and interested parties to make informed decisions. Discussions are also on going as to how producers in Wales can work on a national eradication programme. It is recommended that all results from health testing analysis are discussed with your veterinary surgeon before action is taken.

For more information on BVD tests please contact katecross@thecis.co.uk or speak to your CIS Area Manager.



WHAT IS BVD?

Derek Armstrong, Vet with BVDFree England explains more about the disease.

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea or BVD is a highly contagious viral disease

of cattle. The majority of BVD infections occur after birth.

Signs of BVD aren't always obvious and the costs can be hidden:

- Reproductive losses - early embryonic death, returns to service, abortions
- Secondary disease – immune suppression increases the chances of pneumonia and scour in calves, lameness and mastitis in adults
- Poor production - lower milk yield, poor growth rates, increased cull rates
- Deaths - commonly through secondary
- Infection

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ENGLAND



CIS HEALTH TESTING & BVD TISSUE ANALYSIS

CIS analysis of tissue, milk and blood are all processed in the state of the art UKAS approved laboratory in Shropshire providing instant results to help dairy farmers manage herd health with a range of tools. Disease testing is available on a quarterly or ad hoc basis, and can be provided at a reduced price if included in the routine milk recording.

To take advantage of the CIS BVD Tissue Analysis there are two options available:

1. Purchase a tag and test pack either from your Area Manager or by calling 01923 695319. Then send your samples along with the Tag & test form to the lab at Telford.

[Download Form](#)

2. Use your current management tags/check tags and send samples to the CIS laboratory for processing. Please ensure you complete the Tag & Test form and send along with any tissue samples.

To join BVDFree England – **[CLICK HERE](#)**

As with all aspects of herd health planning and results from testing it is recommended to have regular conversations with your veterinary surgeon.



[Find out more...](#)

This year's winner of the Holstein UK Premier Herd Competition is the Wormanby Herd owned by H,M & D Hodgson, Burgh by Sands, Carlisle, Cumbria which is situated just west of Carlisle on the Solway plain.

They will showcase their herd at an Open Day on Thursday 11th August 2016. This will be a great opportunity to see the Hodgson's fantastic herd of well balanced, high type cows. There will be some tremendous cow families on show. The herd is currently 170 head & has 55 EX & 80VG cows. Twice a day milked they average 11,120kg @ 4.1% BF & 3.2%P.

[Read more and book a place...](#)



WHAT'S ON

Livestock Event at NEC

6th & 7th July

Great Yorkshire Show

12th to 14th July

Royal Welsh Show

18th to 21st July

Holstein National Competitions Day

31st July

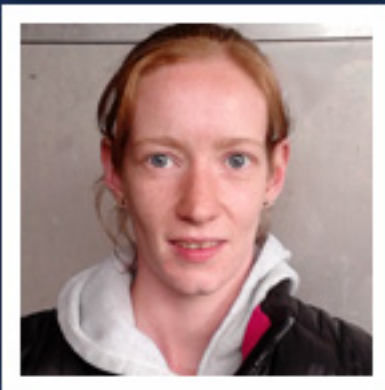
Turriff Show

31st July



NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Samantha Gemmell - Contract Milk Recorder



Joining the CIS team is Samantha who will cover the Lanarkshire area. In her spare time Samantha enjoys family time with her son taking him, swimming and along with her 2 dogs walking the local country parks.

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Claire Dean - Contract Milk Recorder



Claire will be covering the Castle Douglas area as a milk recorder for CIS. Out of work Claire looks after and breaks in horses along with spending quality family time with her son and daughter.

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