



## LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | April 2017

**Welcome to the April edition of the CIS Newsletter focussed on management information to make informed decisions.**

Milk provides a wealth of information about individual cow performance and from a milk sample taken regularly a hub of data is built up. The data can be accessed online or via the Your Herd app so the vet, nutritionist and farm team can make decisions on the management of each animal and the overall herd. To support Scottish dairy farmers, the EU have announced a fund of £2.4 million to help with the introduction of farm management tools with CIS Milk Recording, Milk Profiling and Your Herd being one of the best available.

### EU Funding for Scottish Farmers

EU funding is being made available to Scottish dairy farmers to help with the introduction of farm management tools such as milk recording. The £2.4 million EU fund is targeted towards the dairy farmers hardest hit by recent poor milk prices, with dairy farmers on Bute, Arran, Mull and Kintyre being the biggest benefactors to receive up to £4,000 each. Dairy farmers in other areas who were paid under 20p in 2016 can each apply for £3250 from the fund, those paid under 25p, £2000, and those paid over 25p, £1000.

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### Premier Nutrition: Using milk recording data for transition cow success

The transition from being a dry cow to a milking cow is a critical stage in the dairy cows production cycle. Health problems with the dairy cow tend to concentrate around this time and the success of the coming lactation depends on this period running smoothly.

Premier Nutrition calculate that improving performance in this stage of the cows production cycle could be worth as much as 2.5p per litre, or £40,000 per year for a herd of 200 cows producing 8000 litres per cow.

Monitoring this period is therefore essential for the dairy farmer and nutritionist. Premier Nutrition has developed its Transition Management System (TMS) over the last 5 years to allow this process to happen. A new website ,with improved farmer and nutritionist access, will be launched in the next month. [Read more...](#)



Dr Donald Lawson



## Your Herd: Online or via App

**The CIS web based "Your Herd" management program has enhanced the power of the CIS milk recording service.**

Your Herd allows you, your vet or nutritionist to view online the complete picture of the herd and investigate individual cows. Essential management decisions can be made without the need to spend valuable time wading through printed information from several different sources. [Read more...](#)



## We are recruiting Milk Recorders in the following counties:

**Devon, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Shropshire, Somerset and Staffordshire/Derbyshire Border.**



**We are looking for individuals to support Milk Recording Contracts who are:**

- Looking for work with a challenge.
- Computer literate.
- An early riser.
- Able to provide your own vehicle.
- Used to farming environments.

The work involves attending milking during the morning and afternoon to take milk samples, record yields and other relevant information; the data is then entered into a simple computer program. The fee for the contract is based on the number of cows in the milking herd and a mileage allowance will be paid where appropriate.

**PLEASE APPLY TO:**

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<b>Celtic Dairy Showcase, Carmarthen</b>	<b>13th April</b>
<b>Holstein NI Open Day &amp; Stock Judging</b>	<b>22nd April</b>
<b>Balmoral Show, Northern Ireland</b>	<b>10th May</b>
<b>Ayrshire Annual Conference &amp; AGM, Ayr</b>	<b>15th to 18th May</b>
<b>Western Spring Show, Nantwich</b>	<b>11th April</b>
<b>Northumberland County Show</b>	<b>29th May</b>

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