



LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | March 2017

Welcome to the March edition of the CIS Newsletter

This month we focus on turnout and maximising grassland which is one of the cheapest forms of feed for your herds. We also showcase how the new gKIT's are helping one Cornwall farmer as he uses genomics to identify the dairy cows with the greatest potential in the herd. We are out and about in March so if you are attending any of the events listed come and say hello to the CIS team. Don't forget the clocks spring forward on Sunday 26th March, which is also Mothers Day.

Good Grass Guide: Discover how to make your grass better

With 65% of utilisable agricultural land in the UK being grassland (nearly 57% of that permanent pasture) it makes sense for all UK farmers to pay more attention to their fields.

As we all know, good quality grass is the cheapest feed for dairy cows and is the base on which profitable farming is built.

A good crop of silage costs £30.00 per tonne and hay £75.00 per tonne and even grazed grass costs £15 per tonne. So if it costs £30.00 per tonne to grow a good crop of silage, imagine what the costs are to grow a poor crop. [Read more...](#)



WATCH THE VIDEO



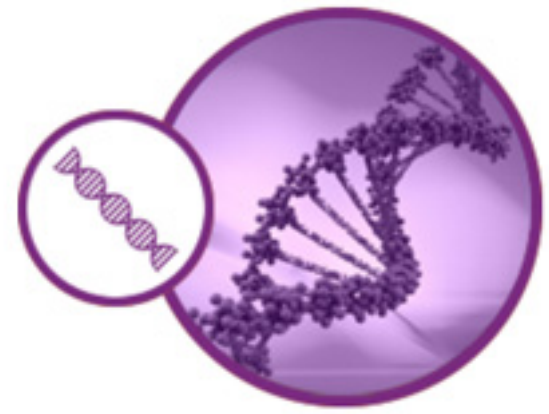
Farm Focus: Will Mitchell, Bodmin, Cornwall

A recent graduate from Harper Adams Agricultural University, Will Mitchell has returned to the home farm to put his BSc (Hons) Agriculture with Farm Business Management degree into practice. In partnership with his parents they run a mixed farm covering 162 hectares in North Cornwall. The herd of 100 pedigree Holstein's under the Laram prefix, plus followers are using CIS for milk recording and genomic testing, the latter providing Will with valuable insight. [Read more...](#)



This CIS Service offers genomic testing for females using gKITs.

Genomics helps identify the animals with the greatest potential in the herd using either a hair or tissue sample. The information enables animals to be bred to their potential and develop strong traits such as longevity, fertility and disease resistance. [Read more...](#)



Genomic testing kit for your herd through either hair or tissue samples.

gKIT's start from £30 per sample with discounts available for multiple samples.

Click or call 01923 695202 for a quotation.

WHAT'S ON

Western Spring Show, Nantwich	11th April
Celtic Dairy Showcase, Carmarthen	13th April
Balmoral Show, Northern Ireland	10th May
Ayrshire Annual Conference & AGM, Ayr	15th to 18th May



Herd Brochures

CIS are able to produce and print professional herd brochures for CIS herds, ideal for farm walks and herd visits over the forthcoming year. Priced competitively, you are able to personalise the brochures with your own photographs, logos or adverts. With a colour cover and the option of coloured pages within the brochure the minimum order is just 50. For further information and to obtain a quote please contact Lizzie Yates at lizzieyates@thecis.co.uk or call **01923 695347**.



NEW TEAM MEMBERS: Milk Recorders

Edward Dark



Joining the CIS team is Edward Dark as a Milk Recorder covering Sussex and Hampshire. He also looks after the youngstock in his beef suckler herd in Horsham.

Mobile: 07813 992085

Keri Thomas



Keri Thomas joins the CIS team as a Milk Recorder to Dorset, Devon and Somerset. In her spare time Keri is a keen gardener and likes walks with her dogs.

Mobile: 07927 308674

Sue Stubbs



Joining the Midlands team of milk recorders is Sue Stubbs to cover Staffordshire and Derbyshire. In her spare time Sue shows cattle and enjoys keeping fit.

Mobile: 07875 078864

Lisa Chatham



Lisa Chatham joins the team of milk recorders led by Sue Joyce and will be covering Shropshire. Lisa is involved in Young Farmers, farming and horse riding.

Mobile: 07539 295388

Rachael Thomas



Joining the South Wales team is Rachael Thomas to cover Glamorgan as a milk recorder. Rachael's interests include playing golf and cake baking.

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