



LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | May 2017

This month we share an AHDB report on robotic milking technology and what to consider if you are planning on investing in robots. Our farm focus stories are based on CIS customers who are using robotic milking systems and a range of CIS services. Members of the CIS team will be out and about over the forthcoming months as the busy show season starts. Dates for the diary include the Ayrshire Cattle Society Annual Conference & AGM on 15 - 18 May and the RABDF Gold Cup Open Day taking place on Wednesday 28 June at Pilsdon Dairy Farm in Dorset, a customer of CIS.

Robotic Milking Technology: Making Successful Decisions

Changing your milking system to robotic technology requires careful evaluation based on several factors: cost, annual running costs, capacity, reliability and service options, to mention a few. All factors are important when making this level of investment.

AHDB Dairy has a document to help increase your knowledge and understanding in order to aid the decision-making process when considering implementation of robotic milking technology on farm.

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Farm Focus: Stephen & Neil Brough

Stephen Brough and son Neil run their mixed herd enterprise at Buckabank Farm in Cumbria. Spread over 560 acres, they have 320 Holstein dairy cattle under prefix Carrock, 240 Texel sheep and 15 beef cattle.

The dairy herd is run on an all-year-round calving system and with the cows milked through a robotic milking parlour which was installed in 2015. The herd's diet is based on a TMR and all the cows are fully housed.

The farm utilises a range of CIS services including milk testing, health testing, Mobile Herd and the YourHerd web-based management system.

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Farm Focus: The Griffin Family

When it comes to British Friesians, the Griffin family, are leading the way in raising the profile of the breed as well as adopting new technology on their family farms in Leicestershire.

In July 2011 they started to milk their herd of 150 Pedigree British Friesian's, under the prefix of Kirby, through Fullwood robotic parlours. The family see the power of valuable data that is provided on each cow from the robotic parlours as well the technology helping the family be more efficient with their time, ensuring a work life balance for Trevor, Justine and their children.

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Mobile Herd: Data on the Hoof

Mobile Herd is the perfect solution for collecting Herd Management Data amongst your Cows. If you want a quick, simple and easy way to add events and view animals in your herd, then look no further.

Mobile Herd, available as an iPhone and Android App, is a service which has been created to allow farmers and users to access animal data and record information on the go.

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NEW Milk Recorder

Abi Reading



Joining the CIS team covering Somerset as a milk recorder. Brought up on a dairy farm, Abi goes showing on a regular basis with the families Pedigree Holsteins and has represented the South West on numerous occasions.

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WHAT'S ON

AHDB Webinar: Calf Housing	4th May
Balmoral Show, Northern Ireland	10th May
Ayrshire Annual Conference & AGM, Ayr	15th to 18th May
Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh	22nd - 25th June
RABDF Gold Cup Open Day, Dorset	28th June

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