



Newsletter September 2018

On Farm Dairy Workshop Maximising the Environment for the High Yielding Cow

AHDB is running a series of practical workshops that will focus on ventilation and also incorporate other aspects of the cow's environment, including feed space and cow comfort, to help farmers optimise the environment to maximise herd performance.



In high yielding, all year round calving herds, marginal gains can have a big impact on the bottom line. The limiting factor is rarely the genetic potential of the cow but the environment in which she can express her potential. Buildings often become the bottle-neck due to the cost to replace them.

The speaker at the Workshop is JAMIE ROBERTSON.

The Workshop:

A practical on-farm session, limited to a maximum of 25 attendees. Aimed at farmers with housed herds of high yielding cows. Lunch and refreshments are included.



Outcomes:

- Assess your own building to identify the restrictions in ventilation, feed space and cow comfort
- Maximise productivity from your current building
- Avoid the pitfalls and impacts of new building design
- The cost/benefit of building modification

Meeting and venue details: **27th September 2018 at Eastside Farm, Chedzoy, Bridgwater TA7 8QP** (by kind permission of Chris and Julie Reed)

Please contact the KE Events Hub on 01904 771216 or email ke.events@ahdb.org.uk to book your place asap

Change to Saturday Office Opening Hours - North Petherton

Please note that from **1st October 2018**

Our North Petherton office will be open on Saturdays from 09:00-12:30



Maedi-Visna Scheme Rule Changes

There have been a number of recent changes in the rules governing MV Accredited Flocks which include the following:

- All newly added animals must be tested between 6 months and 12 months following arrival on farm.
- All Farm holdings with non-accredited stock on the holding must have a cull ewe check test of 12 animals at every RPBT.



There are also new rule changes surrounding importation of semen/embryos and importing stock from abroad that may affect a small number of flocks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to discuss these or arrange for testing of stock.

Worm Burdens

As the moisture levels continue to improve over the next month (with the very welcome rain we have been getting over the last two weeks) then worm numbers in pastures are likely to increase again, especially if temperatures are maintained. Stay vigilant for poorly scouring youngstock and lambs.



If you have any worries, bring faecal samples into us, for both cattle and sheep. A mixed sample of faeces from between 5-10 animals allows us to get an impression of worm burdens in a group of animals.

Honiton Show Competition Winner



Congratulations to Abigail Burrough (age 2½). Her lovely drawing of a sheep was the winning entry - hope you enjoyed the ice cream Abigail.

Thanks to all of you who visited our stand.....let's hope it's not too hot at next year's show!



Johne's Plans

Johne's plans need to be in place by **September**

We will not be able to do dozens of plans in the last week so please plan ahead now.



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