

Dairy Digest.

Welcome to Autumn's essential Dairy Digest.

In this issue we feature hoof health, cow recovery and giving calves the best start with proven offerings from Progiene and Nettex.

Also meet our friendly dairy team, who are available for emergency or routine parlour or robot help 24/7, 365 days a year – and that level of work sounds familiar to every dairy farmer!

British milk production is forecast to reach a new high of 12.83 billion litres in the second half of the 2025/26 season, a 3.1% increase year-on-year. Higher milk prices and easing input costs are expected to support the increased production, although our country wide milking herd is at its lowest level on record. With production still expected to increase, we will be working smarter and harder in dairy to meet the demand*.

Talk to your mobile salesperson for more information or to order products in this or earlier issues of Dairy Digest.

*source: AHDB



Hydra-Power Range More than hydration

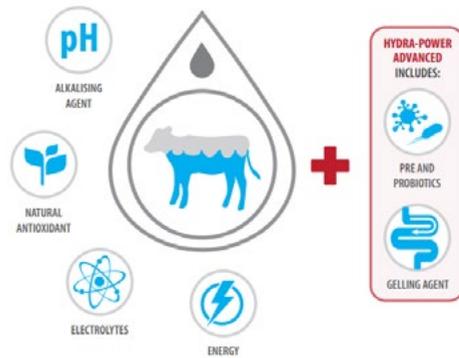
Electrolytes are an important aid for raising healthy calves and are critical when combating outbreaks of diarrhoea and other diseases. A good product is much more than just salt and water and choosing the right product and using it correctly will save lives and improve productivity.

Diarrhoea is common in young calves and a significant cause of mortality. Viruses, such as Rotavirus, are a major cause with bacterial infections less common. Diarrhoea can also be triggered by feeding practices, such as milk replacers fed at the wrong temperature or concentration, or irregular feeding patterns.

An adequate feed of high-quality colostrum at birth is vital to help prevent diarrhoea, providing passive immunity to combat infections. Vaccination against the common viruses is widely practiced, but vaccination of the cow will only help if calf gets colostrum. Equally important is good hygiene and a suitable feeding protocol.

Despite good prevention, outbreaks of diarrhoea are frequent so early effective treatment is crucial to minimising the impact on the herd and farm profitability. Except in those infrequent cases where a pathogenic bacteria has been identified, antibiotics are of no use and should not be used.

Combating the effects is all about supporting the calf and countering the problems caused by the diarrhoea, and oral hydration formulas are central to this.



The key problems encountered are dehydration and loss of electrolytes. In addition, there is often a build-up of acid in the tissues, known as acidosis. The loss of fluid in diarrhoea is the most significant (and visible) problem and will lead to the calf becoming dehydrated. This can happen very quickly, and the earlier steps are taken the better the outcome.

A dehydrated calf can have sunken eyes, dry mucous membranes around the mouth and eyes and the skin can stay tented when pinched. It's much better to act before these signs show. If untreated the calf can become depressed, unable to stand or feed and decline rapidly.

These cases will need prompt veterinary treatment and intravenous fluids. It's obviously better to prevent things getting to this stage so early use of electrolytes is beneficial when first signs are seen. Water by itself is insufficient to correct the dehydration and it's also necessary to replace electrolytes and help maintain a normal pH. That is why a good quality electrolyte formula is so essential. These contain constituents that work together to support the calves including:

- Sodium. This is a vital electrolyte, and large quantities are lost in the diarrhoea. In addition, as it is absorbed into the gut it helps to draw water across, speeding up rehydration.
- Potassium and Chloride. Two more key electrolytes.
- Glucose (also called dextrose.) This provides valuable energy for the calf at a time when milk feeding can be reduced. In addition, they also help the absorption of sodium and therefore water from the gut.
- Alkalisising agent, for example Acetate. This helps maintain a normal body Ph

Additional beneficial ingredients to look out for include:

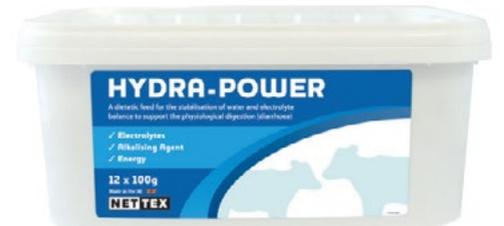
- Gelling agent, for example Psyllium. This helps slow the passage of fluid through the gut.
- Pro Biotics, for example beneficial bacteria, to aid healthy recolonization of the gut.

Electrolytes should be started at the first sign of diarrhoea following the instructions on the product and continued for at least 2 days. It used to be common practice to withhold milk during this

time but there is no evidence that milk makes the diarrhoea worse, and milk will continue to provide the calf with energy. It is best to give the electrolytes at different times of the day than feeding milk. Fresh water should always be available. If the calf's condition continues to deteriorate or does not improve in a reasonable time, then veterinary attention should be sought.

Two options

Hydra-Power is an easy to prepare 4 in 1 oral hydration formula, providing essential electrolytes, energy, an alkalisising agent and a natural antioxidant. It is highly effective, economically viable and easy to administer on farm.

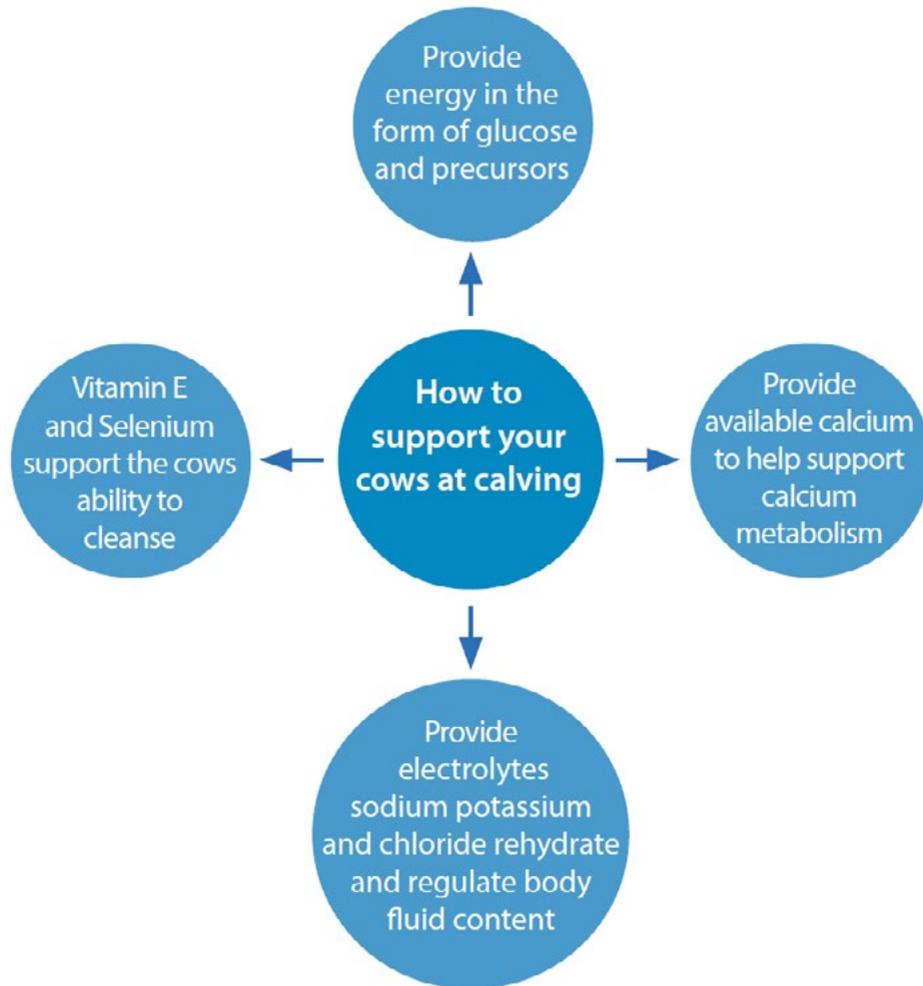


Hydra-Power Advanced provides all that Hydra-Power does with the addition of a gelling agent – Psyllium to help slow the of passage of fluid through the gut and support better nutrient absorption and Probiotics – To help support rebalancing a healthy gut microbe population.

Support fast cow recovery with Fresh Calver

In the period surrounding calving, a cows' water intake tends to fall; and when a cow calves she loses both water and salts.

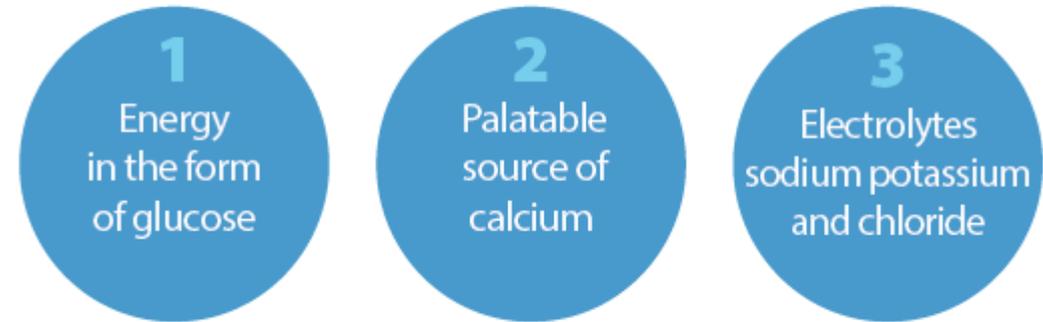
Cows will lose about 60 litres of fluids from the uterus when they calve, made up of blood and intra-uterine fluids (Doreau et al., 1981) in addition to extracellular fluid loss of up to 50 litres (Enemark et al. Vet Res Commun 2009). With reduced intakes and increased losses, post-calving dehydration is likely.



Benefits of re-hydrating the cow post calving

Cows will usually drink soon after calving but water alone will not replace lost electrolytes, a specifically formulated supplement will help support correct rehydration and a quick recovery post calving.

Nettex Fresh Calver Contains



The intake of a large volume of fluid immediately after calving filling the rumen may lead to rapid move of rumen to the lower abdominal cavity, so it can help to prevent the displacement of the abomasum (Enemark et al. Vet Res Commun 2009).

At calving the cows ability to utilise active transport of Calcium across intestinal cells is inadequate to help her maintain normal blood Ca. By supplementing the cow with large amounts of very soluble Calcium orally it is possible to force Ca across the intestinal tract by means of passive diffusion between, not across, intestinal epithelial cells (Goff.2008).

Research suggests that cows that fail to adequately consume a certain number of calories during the day or two immediately before and after calving are at greatest risk of developing ketosis/fatty liver (Goff.2006). Feeding a supplement post calving that can contribute to this requirement may help and aid in the prevention of ketosis.

Talk to your Dairy rep today about how Fresh Calver can support your herd.

Is it time to embrace a new footbathing formulation?

This easy-to-use, non-carcinogenic, low-odour option is the same cost as the one you use now.

Foot health and reducing lameness with regular hoof care is one of the cornerstones of productivity and animal welfare for dairy herds.

One of the most effective tools for preventing and controlling hoof problems—especially lameness caused by infectious diseases—is regular footbathing.

While it may seem like a routine chore, foot bathing plays a crucial role in maintaining herd health, milk yield, and overall farm profitability.

Why footbath cows?

Day-to-day cows are on their feet a lot — walking to feed, water, milking parlours, and in loafing areas. Hoof issues, which can lead to lameness, can be as a result of damage in the environment – a bruised sole or puncture wound – or infectious conditions especially digital dermatitis, foot rot, and interdigital dermatitis. Any hoof or lameness problem is not only painful but can lead to:

- Reduced feed intake
- Decreased milk production
- Fertility issues
- Early culling

A regular footbathing program can drastically reduce the incidence and severity of these issues by preventing pathogen buildup and promoting hoof health.

The frequency of footbathing matters and whole herd mobility scoring every six to eight weeks will help set a baseline for a herd, after which a hoof health plan can be made. Some experts estimate that for every cow with a mobility score of three, there’s probably another two or three with scores hovering around two which may be going unseen.

“Increasingly, we see that farmers are opting to bring in the experts, says Progiene’s Alison Clark. This could be a mobility mentor, a hoof trimmer or vet qualified to trim hooves. And the investment in expertise and a consistent approach over time pays off – lameness costs £3.30.cow/day and these losses. Increasingly, we see that farmers are opting to bring in the experts,”

Once assessed and with lameness records checked, a herd can be categorised as ‘low prevalence’ or ‘high prevalence’.

Foot bathing regime:

- 1.Low prevalence herds:
Footbathing after four consecutive milkings every two weeks can be effective.
- 2.High prevalence herds:
Daily footbathing is recommended or, at a minimum and especially during wet periods, at least three – five times per week.



“Ineffective foot bathing can make infectious conditions worse by helping pathogens spread,” points out Alison Clark. “Also, some formulations reduce the hoof’s natural defences, paving the way for infection to take hold.”

Key points

Maintain a good flow of cows and make sure feet are in contact with the disinfectant solution for long enough. Calculate the amount of disinfectant needed for the correct dilution rate for your footbath size – generally, the best designs for narrow and wide footbaths.

Good cow flow through a footbath reduces splashing, which wastes less solution while also reducing the risk of teat contamination.

“There is a range of chemicals being used in foot baths, with many still opting for old-fashioned formalin,” says Alison. “But this should come with a warning – over time, it can compromise the integrity of the hoof and it is banned in a few countries due to possible human health problems from carcinogenic fumes if not handled carefully. Used at a 2% dilution rate may be less effective than the more standard 4% or 5% dilution rate.”

Digicur Advanced is a highly concentrated triple action, broad spectrum liquid disinfectant solution containing glutaraldehyde, chelated copper and zinc and can be used for cattle, sheep and goats. “It contains a unique patented chelate which keeps the copper and zinc in suspension meaning that they work very quickly and breaks down in the environment.” explains Alison. “Digicur Advanced is used at a 2% dilution which is two litres/100 litres of water and starts to work the moment the hoof comes into contact with it. A unique feature is its long-cling formulation – it contains heavy duty surfactants which means it clings to the hooves after footbathing.

“In contrast to formalin, Digicur Advanced is not carcinogenic; making it far less dangerous to the operator who might be mixing it,” she adds. “And for cows that don’t like the pungent aroma of formalin, Digicur Advanced has a much-reduced odour meaning they are often happier to walk through the foot bath.

“Whatever product you choose, one golden rule to remember is to have one litre of solution per cow; this means emptying or replenishing the solution after 100 cows have walked through 100 litres of solution,” Alison explains.

Costs

Digicur Advanced is used at 2% (2 litres per 100 litres water) inclusion and formalin is usually used at a 5% (5 litres per 100 litres water) dilution rate. Using Digicur Advanced works out at around the same cost / cow when compared to formalin at 5%, and it becomes even more cost effective when compared to formalin used at 10% inclusion rate.

Digicur Advanced is available in five, 25, 200 and 1,000 litre pack sizes. The chemical components of it are defined as readily biodegradable and it is anticipated that it will achieve 80% degradation in 28 days; also the chelated copper component in the formulation is inherently biodegradable.

DIGICUR ADVANCED FOOTBATH SOLUTION

Everything you wanted to know

A step in the right direction to reducing to risk of lameness.

Why is it important to have a good footbathing routine?

Footbathing can help to control infectious hoof diseases such as Digital Dermatitis if it is undertaken with care, in the correct location, is the right size for your herd and is undertaken using the correct concentration of product and not using heavily contaminated solutions.



THE EFFECTS OF DIGITAL DERMATITIS IN THE HERD

PROGIENE



Approx 30%
of cows in
infected herds
have
digital dermatitis
lesions



Can reduce
milk yield
by up to
1.7%



Can increase
calving to
first service
by up to
20 days



Digital dermatitis
costs **£3000/100**
cows in the herd

NADIS Source

Per 100 litre footbath

Formalin @ 5% inclusion (5 litres/100 litres water)	Digicur Advanced @ 2% inclusion (2 litres/100 litres water)
92p to 99p/litre	£2.45/litre
Cost per 100 litre solution = £4.60-£4.96	Cost per 100 litre solution = £4.90
Cost per cow = 4.6p	Cost per cow = 4.9p

How often should I footbath my herd?

Daily foot bathing is recommended to clean the hooves and to help reduce cross-infection between cows.

How will footbathing save me money in the long term?

Lameness can have a direct impact on the cost of milk production at over 1p per litre of milk produced and can have indirect effects on fertility, mastitis and metabolic illnesses.

What is Digicur Advanced?

Digicur Advanced is a highly concentrated triple action, broad spectrum liquid disinfectant footbath solution containing glutaraldehyde and chelated copper and zinc which can be used for cattle, sheep and goats.

How does the chelated zinc and copper benefit my herd/flock?

Digicur Advanced contains a unique patented chelate that keep the copper and zinc in suspension, meaning that they work very quickly and break down in the environment.

What is the dilution rate of Digicur Advanced?

Digicur Advanced should be used at 2% dilution (2 litres of product per 100 litres water) and is a walk-through product that starts to work on contact and due to the long cling formulation containing heavy duty surfactants, it continues to adhere to the hooves after foot bathing.

How often should the solution be changed?

We would recommend 1 litre of solution per cow and 0.5 litres of solution per sheep e.g. 200 litres of footbath solution should be suitable for 200 cows or 400 sheep and that hooves are fully immersed at least three times whilst walking through the footbath.

Does Digicur Advanced cause cancer?

Digicur Advance is safer for you and your family, as the product is NOT carcinogenic at all, either as a concentrate or after dilution. However handling the concentrate still requires use of PPE (personal protection equipment) while mixing.

Does Digicur Advanced work in cold weather conditions?

Digicur Advanced works well when the air temperature is above 2 deg C whereas formalin doesn't work well below 8oC.

Has Digicur Advanced been tested under lab conditions?

Digicur Advanced has been tested for efficacy at 2% dilution using EN1276 and has also undergone further tests to prove effectiveness against Treponomes, the bacteria causing DD and CODD.

Is Digicur Advanced corrosive?

Digicur Advanced is corrosive when undiluted and is classed as corrosive for transport. However, when diluted it does not burn skin and is not corrosive. Digicur Advanced does not contain formalin, antibiotics or QACs so it is ideal for use on dairy, beef and sheep farms.

Is Digicur Advanced biodegradable?

The chemical components in Digicur and Digcur Advanced are defined as readily Biodegradable under OECD guidelines. It is anticipated we would achieve 80% degradation in 28 days and use Chelated Copper in our formulation which is inherently biodegradeable as opposed to Copper Sulphate which is not readily Biodegradable.

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Roughly 30% of all **lameness cases** in the UK at any one time is **attributable to Digital dermatitis**

My cows do not like walking through formalin – will Digicur Advanced be any different?

Digicur Advanced has little odour which aids with cow and sheep acceptance. We find that most animals walk through calmly.

Is it available in larger pack sizes?

Digicur Advanced is available in 5, 25, 200 & 1000 litre pack sizes and as it is a liquid, it can be dispensed using automatic dosing equipment.



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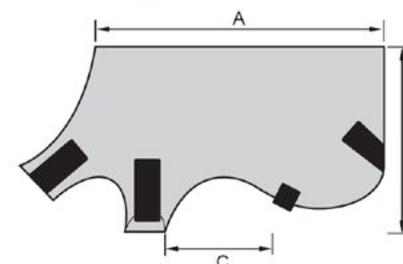
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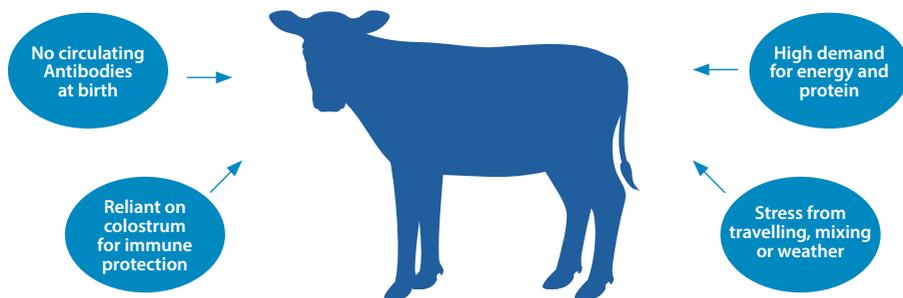
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NETTEX **Roto Corona Plus**

30g Syringe

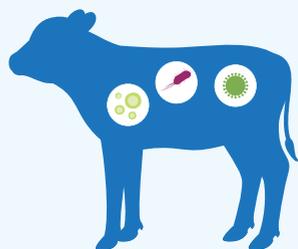
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A young calf faces many challenges



Vulnerable or stressed calves easily succumb to infections that lead to scours

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- Corona Virus
- E.Coli



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Buildings & pens can become quickly contaminated
Rotavirus & crypto present in virtually all herds so risk is constant



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NETTEX **Roto Corona Plus**

30g Syringe



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Product Features	Benefits
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Bovine Colostral Protein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help support immune development • Help support natural defences
Egg protein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality source of protein
Vitamins A,D & E (Immune supporting vitamins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help support vitamin levels in the new-born calf • Powerful antioxidant activity • Help support immune response



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More yield for Hartpury College and University

The university and college secures its dairy future with DeLaval milking robots.

Hartpury installed two DeLaval VMS V300 robots at its Home Farm, in September 2024, to improve the efficiency of its dairy and provide its students with the opportunity to understand and work with the new technology.

“We chose DeLaval robots to drive the performance of our dairy herd. We currently milk 110 through the robots and have seen our milk yields increase by over 15 percent. At 185 days in milk, the cows are still averaging 40 kilos a day. We also milk 85 cows through a parlour, and having both gives our students conventional and robotic milking experience,” says herd manager Bryan Carter.



The cows milked through the robots are housed all year and have become quieter and calmer since having the option to choose when to be milked.

“We are averaging 3.2 milkings per day through the robots compared to the standard two we were able to with the parlour. Mastitis cases have reduced to less than 12 per 100, which is down from 17. We have also seen foot health improve because we have a free access robotic system so the cows stand for less time than when waiting for the parlour,” he says.

Teat health has improved with robotic milking, a benefit that Mr Carter believes is due to the unique robotic arm and milking cups on the DeLaval VMS robots.

“We chose the VMS system because the robot arm more closely mimics the action of a human arm. The four-quarter milking has helped reduce teat end damage and mastitis cases, especially with cows that may have been overmilked in the parlour,” he explains.

The herd is fed to yield, and the cow’s diet has not changed since the shift to the robots.

“We are not feeding any more concentrate and still average around 13 kilos per cow per day. The robots operate a permission system to only allow access when a cow has sufficient milk, rather than when it wants to access more food,” he says.



Fertility in the robot herd has improved and fewer servings are required. The cows are also exhibiting stronger heat, making them easier to detect and serve effectively.

“We are under two straws per conception, with the robot herd, which has saved us time and money but is also making managing the all year-round system easier,” he adds. The dairy unit has also invested in a DeLaval OptiDuo feed replenishing robot which automatically pushes food up and has an auger which lifts and refreshes it during the process.

“It is great for the students to see the new technologies available to dairying and experience how robots can provide more time for us to improve milking efficiencies,” he says.

The robots collect and provide far more cow health and productivity data than a parlour. This is interpreted and displayed by DeLaval’s DelPro system in a dashboard-like user interface.

“Having robot data is helping our decision-making but it is also important to help educate the students. The cows and the robots have bedded in well and we may look to close our parlour in the future and fit more robots to make the dairy entirely robotic,” he concludes.

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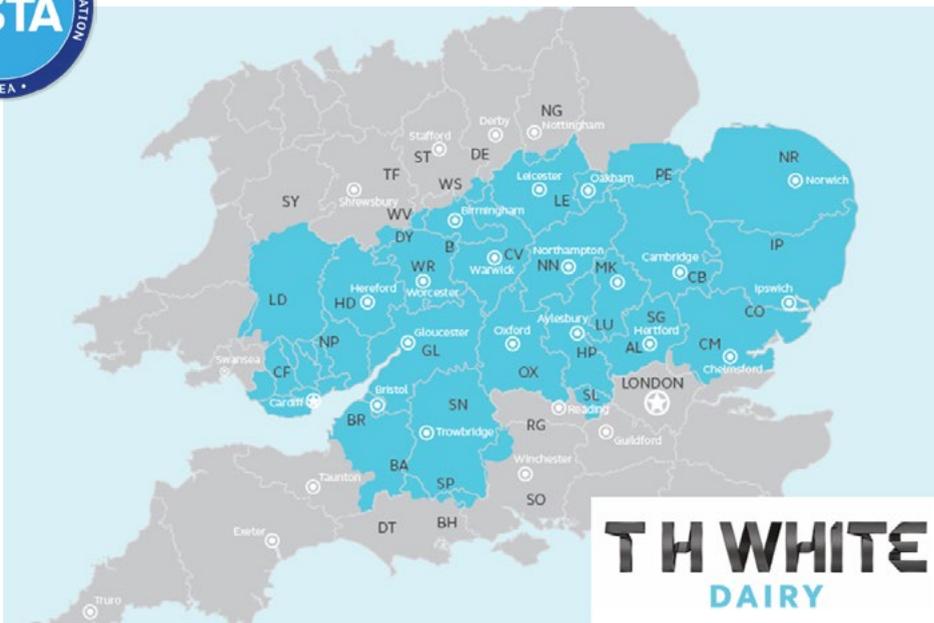
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Mike Howes
Project & Aftersales
Manager
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Mike has been with us for 14 years and loves solving problems at work. In his spare time he looks forward to long walks on the beach with his partner.



David Arthur
Service Team Leader
Frome

DeLaval Training

- Delpro & Delpro Advanced
- Technical system training
- Basic VMS
- Diploma VMS
- DeLaval Certified Trainer (DCT)
- Commercial awareness and business management

Other Training:

- MEA Level 2
- Level 3 Refrigeration Engineer diploma
- F-Gas qualified

David has been with us for over a decade and in that time he has loved solving technical problems for customers. He unwinds at the gym, cycling or spending time with his young family.



Sophie Vauden
Admin & Customer Care
Frome

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DeLaval Training

- Technical systems basic training
- DeLaval Commercial awareness

Sophie is the voice of calm reassurance that customers speak to when they call for servicing and dairy emergencies. When not talking to customers or walking her dog, she is often found decorating the new home she recently moved into.



Dave Sefton
VMS Service Team Leader
Frome

DeLaval Training:

- ISO/VPR200 Training
- DeLaval Delpro
- DeLaval Delpro advanced
- DeLaval Diploma VMS
- DeLaval Certified Trainer (DCT)

Other Training:

- MEA Level 2

Dave has been supporting customers on their VMS journey with T H WHITE for the past 14 years. In his spare time he says: "My hobby outside of work is golf, when I'm not playing golf I enjoy quality family time".



Tomasz Tomczyk
Milking parlour & slurry engineer
Frome

DeLaval Training

- CMS Bronze
- ISO/VPR200 Training
- Rotary Bronze
- Technical systems basic training

Tomasz loves that his job is different every day and in his spare time, can be found walking the countryside. He is also our resident film buff!



Harry Crowter
Trainee Parlour & VMS Engineer
Frome

DeLaval Training

- CMS Bronze
- ISO/VPR200 Training
- Rotary Bronze
- Technical systems basic training

Harry spends his days learning the unique technical skills needed to service dairy parlours and VMS. To relax he visits the gym, goes fishing and loves a good meal!



Jordan Uzzell
Milking Parlour & Scraper Engineer
Frome

DeLaval Training

- Technical systems basic training
- Silver & Bronze VMS,
- CMS Bronze training
- DeLaval Rotary Bronze
- DeLaval ISO/VPR200 Training

Other Training:

- MEA Level 2

Jordan has been with us for over two years, and focuses on customers throughout the western area of our territory.



James Hamblin
Refrigeration Technician
Frome

DeLaval Training

- Technical systems basic training
- T300 Smart cooling training

Other Training:

- MEA Level 2
- Level 3 Refrigeration Engineer diploma
- F-Gas qualified

James loves that his job has a new problem for him to solve for a customer every day. At the weekends he is usually found dog walking, gaming or flexing his carpentry skills in his new home.



Matt Rose
Refrigeration Technician
Frome

DeLaval Training

- T300 Smart cooling training

Other Training:

- Level 3 Refrigeration Engineer diploma
- F-Gas qualified

Over the last 16 years at work Matt has enjoyed building customer relationships and in his spare time he shoots and rides enduro motorbikes off road.



Finnan Doyle
Refrigeration Apprentice
Frome

DeLaval Training

- Technical systems basic training

Other Training:

- Level 2 Refrigeration Engineer diploma

Finnan loves the independence of his role and everything he's been learning from the more experienced engineers. In his spare time he's a rugby player who loves socialising.



Ryan Robertson
Refrigeration Apprentice
Frome

DeLaval Training

- Technical systems basic training
- DeLaval ISO/VPR200
- Rotary Bronze

Other Training:

- Level 2 Refrigeration Engineer diploma

Ryan enjoys working closely with the farming families he supports and in his spare time can be found out in nature, camping, fishing and shooting.

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Craig Taylor

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DeLaval Training

- Departmental management course
- DeLaval herd navigator
- VMS Classic training in Sweden
- V300 Silver training
- DCT Training (Delpro certified Trainer)

Other Training:

- MEA Level 2

After 25 years working in dairy Craig still loves the variety of his job, as every day is different. Away from work he enjoys Norfolk coast walks, family time and meals out.



Andrew Reeve

Dairy Technician
Attleborough

DeLaval Training

- Departmental management course
- DeLaval herd navigator
- VMS Classic training in Sweden
- V300 Silver training
- DCT Training (Delpro certified Trainer)

Andrew said "I enjoy the cows and calves most about my job, they just make me smile. Outside of work I like spending time in the garden, going to movies and being around nature".



David Webb

Dairy Technician
Attleborough

DeLaval Training

- Departmental management course
- DeLaval herd navigator
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- DCT Training (Delpro certified Trainer)

The best part of David's job is milking in for the first time in a new installation. At weekends he enjoys flat track racing and is learning to play the blues on the harmonica.



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Dairy Cattle

Ultra Dri absorbent disinfectant powder is suitable for all types of livestock, but is especially designed for dairy cows as a natural method of drying and disinfecting beds using DEFRA approved disinfectant.

- comprises a unique blend of natural minerals which are not irritable to udders and hands.
- contains natural, safe bactericide which kills mastitis-causing organisms.
- keeps cows clean and dry.
- can be used on all types of surface.
- removes smells and improves consistency for easier slurry spreading.

Only 0.5 kg per cubicle per week will assist in protecting cattle in cubicle housing from mastitis (only 75g per cubicle per day).

Beef Cattle

Housing beef cattle on deep beds during the winter months can lead to an increase in bacteria and, subsequently, viruses and disease.

The use of Ultra Dri when topping up beds can minimise the problem as it's quick acting and kills the pathogens within minutes.

Just 100 g per square metre is all you need, making Ultra Dri your cost effective solution to keeping your animals in the best of health.

Calves

During calving time the same increased level of bacteria and disease risk is present.

The use of Ultra Dri when re-bedding can kill bacteria creating a safer environment for both cow and calf. Ultra Dri can be sprinkled by hand onto any areas where the disease organisms may be. Prepare a clean pen and spread 100g per square metre directly onto the floor or matting, top with bedding and then spread 75-100g per square metre (i.e a "good handful") on top of the bedding 2-3 times per week.



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Cows begin to suffer from heat stress at much lower temperatures than humans. If a farmer is beginning to feel the heat and humidity, then it is quite likely the milking cows are already under stress, and this can have a severe impact on milk production and fertility.



It has been estimated that heat stress can result in the loss of up to four litres of milk per animal per day, as well as sharply reduced pregnancy rates.

With every likelihood of increasingly hot British summers, the issue of heat stress for dairy cows is becoming an important consideration for UK dairy farmers. There are few places hotter and more stifling than a building filled with dairy cows or other livestock on a hot summer's day.

T H WHITE completed the first two HVLS 'MegaFan' installations in the UK.

The very first application on this side of the Atlantic was for Jimmy Ludwell who farms at Holsworthy, North Devon. This comprised two 24ft (7.4m) units which have already proved their worth in maintaining a comfortable temperature and atmosphere in Jimmy's cattle shed. The second installation, this time for

four 24ft fans, was for the Hawker family who farm 1,200 acres at Hullavington, Wiltshire, where they have a herd of 400 dairy cows. Ashton Hawker specified two 24ft fans in each of his two adjacent cattle sheds: "After just a few weeks the MegaFans have already made a considerable difference," said Ashton Hawker. "The beds are definitely drier, increasing comfort for the cows, and because the fans can be run in either direction they can also be used to extract air from the sheds, greatly improving the atmosphere. Now I am looking forward to the difference they will make in the hot months ahead."

Research carried out at the University of Minnesota has produced some startling results. Cows can begin to suffer from the effects of stress at temperatures as low as 75 deg F (24 deg C), and humidity is also a significant factor.

Stress levels in dairy cows relative to temperature and humidity
Source: University of Minnesota

Temp		Relative Humidity													Stress
F	C	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	Level
75	24	No Stress					72	72	73	73	74	74	75	75	mild
80	27	73	73	74	74	75	76	76	77	78	78	79	79	80	Med
85	29	76	77	78	78	79	80	81	81	82	83	84	84	85	Severe
90	32	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	86	87	88	89	90	
95	35	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	
100	38	86	87	88	90	91	92	93	94	95	97	98	99		
105	40	89	91	92	93	95	96	97							

Many farmers do not realise just how rapidly the stress effect increases as temperature and humidity rise, but reference to the chart shows that at 90

deg F (32 deg C) stress levels in cows can become severe. This level of temperature is by no means uncommon in many animal sheds on hot summer days.



MULTIPLE ANIMAL HERDS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR VET VISIT FUNDING



From July, farmers in England can get a funded vet visit (also called the Animal Health and Welfare Review) for each of their herds or flocks of the same species. This means that farmers managing several groups of cattle, pigs or sheep can now get support across their business – not just for a single herd. For example, if you have 3 herds of dairy cows, you can now apply for funding for all 3.

Background

Many farmers in England manage more than one group of the same species, such as separate sheep flocks with different lambing cycles, or cattle herds in different parts of a holding. Until now, farmers could only get one funded vet visit per species. That meant tough choices and could represent a missed opportunity to spot and prevent issues early. This expanded support provides farmers with the opportunity to work with their vet to catch problems early, get tailored advice to each group's needs, and improve farm productivity.

What each funded vet visit includes

With a vet of your choice, each visit includes:

- Testing for endemic diseases: Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) in cattle, Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) in pigs, and worming resistance in sheep
- A tailored health and welfare discussion with your vet
- Practical advice to support productivity, animal welfare and your business

You can also choose to have a follow-up visit focused on deeper sampling, biosecurity planning and action on priority diseases. Both the initial vet visit and the follow-up are part of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway, which is designed to help farmers build healthier, more resilient livestock systems.

The funding available from the government for each eligible herd or flock is:

- £557 for pigs
- £436 for sheep
- £522 for beef cattle
- £372 for dairy cattle

For the optional follow-up visit:

- £923 for pigs
- £639 for sheep
- £215 for cattle (where no BVD is present)
- £837 for beef cattle (where BVD is present)
- £1,714 for dairy cattle (where BVD is present)

The government web site also mentions that you can access a review and follow-up roughly once a year for each eligible herd or flock.



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How to get a funded vet visit

The government website tells us that it takes only a few minutes to apply.

If you have an existing vet visits agreement

- If your agreement number starts with IAHW, it should update automatically. You can book reviews for additional herds or flocks of the same species straightaway.
- If it starts with AHWR, you'll need to apply for a new agreement.

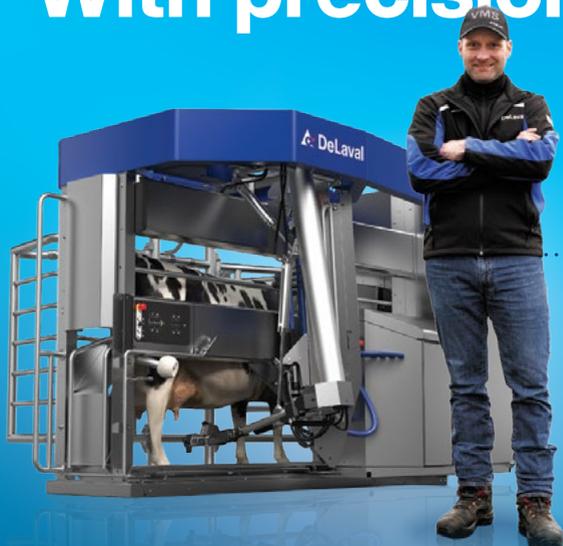
If you don't have an agreement

- Read the guidance for the Animal Health and Welfare Review [here](#)
- You'll need a Single Business Identifier (SBI) that's linked to a County Parish Holding (CPH) number registered in England
- And meet the minimum livestock numbers: 11 cattle, 21 sheep or 51 pigs
- Start your application using the Get funding to improve animal health and welfare service on GOV.UK
- Once you accept the agreement, you'll receive your vet visit agreement number
- Contact a vet of your choice to book the visit

If you've applied for an animal health and welfare review since 19 June 2024, you're already in the system. Just contact your vet to arrange a visit. Once you've had your visit and the vet has sent you a report on the visit and a summary sheet, you can claim the funding. Claims take less than 3 minutes on average to submit.

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