

British Mastitis Conference: Pre Conference Short Course

AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan Workshop

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Interactive Herd Mastitis Discussion Day

This year's pre-conference workshop will again focus on mastitis management and control at the herd level, using the framework and approach of the national AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan (DMCP). We intend to use the theme of reducing antibiotic use as a running 'thread' through all herd presentations and challenge delegates to think about antibiotic use in their herd examples.

Therefore, we invite delegates to bring herd 'cases' for discussion, and encourage the informal presentation of current 'problem' herds to the group. These cases should include:

- Background to the farm, including current management
- The clinical mastitis data
- The cell count patterns
- Any relevant bacteriology results if appropriate
- The proposed interventions to improve udder health

Particular emphasis will be placed on antimicrobial use in these herds and the impact that mastitis contributes to these herds in terms of benchmarking usage. We will be discussing strategies to reduce usage, including a selective approach to antibiotic dry cow therapy, on farm culture and a selective approach to the treatment of clinical cases as well as avoiding the need to treat clinical mastitis cases.

The tutors will also offer some thoughts on current research topics of interest, in addition to recent herd examples from QMMS referrals.

This course is open to all veterinary surgeons, consultants and industry bodies with an interest in mastitis control who wish to share their approaches with the group. **In addition, for AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan Deliverers, this course counts as a 'Day 2 Training Day'** for those Plan Deliverers who wish to complete their training or use this course as an opportunity to present and revise Plans