

British Mastitis Conference: Pre Conference Short Course

AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan Workshop

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Interactive Herd Discussions and Mastitis Management

This year's pre-conference workshop will include some of the latest research and discussion around the potential development of antimicrobial resistance and reducing antibiotic use in dairy herds.

Particular emphasis will be placed on the current targets of 50mg/kg set by the government in response to the O'Neill report, how this looks when we consider antibiotic use in example herds and strategies to reduce useage, including a selective approach to antibiotic dry cow therapy.

In addition, we will invite delegates to bring case herds for discussion, as in previous years, and allow delegates the opportunity to present current 'problem' herds to the group, including clinical and subclincial data, bacteriology results if appropriate and proposed interventions to improve udder health.

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.

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 Workshop' for those Plan Deliverers who wish to complete their training or use this course as an opportunity to present and revise Plans

Research Update

To be confirmed and included on the day as time permits