



**KERNOW**  
**DAIRY VET SERVICES**

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*Welcome to our dairy focused newsletter*

**Mastitis**

This winter has proved difficult for many farmers, with cell counts and mastitis problems. Certain milk buyers are introducing contracts where there will be deductions for raised cell counts so it makes sense to take remedial action.

We are happy to offer any advice for a complete bespoke holistic approach - using the Dairy Co Mastitis Control Plan. A farm visit is undertaken to inspect cows their housing and the milking routine. Detailed analysis will be undertaken of mastitis records and cell count information to ascertain where we can focus efforts to achieve the best results.

We may also consider taking samples to find which bacteria are involved and which treatments may be most effective.

Reducing mastitis makes sense

- More milk in the tank
- More Money in your pocket
- Less antibiotic usage (and less risk of residues )
- Less waste milk to dispose of. Certain buyers do NOT want it fed to calves.

**Article written by**  
**Katy Hawksworth**

**Roddas and Saputo suppliers have you registered for your Milk Sure Top Up?**



<https://milksure.co.uk/product/milksure-top-up/>

Previous Drug Supplied	New Drug Supplied
Tylan	Tylucyl or Pharmasin
Nordine/Duphatrim	Diatrim
Norfenicol & Fenflor	Florkem
Synulox Injectable	Combiclav or Noroclav Injectable
Tetra Delta	Ubrolexin/Mastiplan or Combiclav
Halagon	Halocur
Resflor	Zeleris

Please do not hesitate to call us on 01208 76403. Office hours 8.30am-5-30pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-



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# Red Tractor Assurance

## FARM ASSURANCE

Clients that are Red Tractor Farm Assured should be familiar with the new paperwork required for your herd/flock health plan. A vet must fill out and sign an Annual Health and Performance review, which looks into your data on production and disease from the previous year. This is a great opportunity to have a conversation

about snags from the year, and how we can improve on them for next year, whether that is calving/lambing difficulties, poor growth rates or an increased occurrence of a certain disease, to name but a few.

We also need to complete an antibiotic review which compares which and how much antibiotic you have used year on year. This opens a discussion on appropriate antibiotic usage and if we can find areas to improve, while still keeping animal welfare a priority.

If you have a farm assurance visit in the future, we request that you give us time in advance to book your farm visit (if required—on the form we have to tick a box to say we have been on farm in the last 12 months), with your preferred vet. We need to spend time generating your antibiotic review beforehand and review any laboratory results.

We really want you to get the most out of your visit, so you are more than welcome to bring your health plan and data pre-filled to the review, along with any questions, concerns and abattoir reports you may have.

We recommend you have a whole herd/flock check yearly to keep on top of production issues. If you are part of the flock health scheme, a yearly flock check (60 minutes of time and a free visit) is included in the scheme.

Article by: Scarlett Creasey (BVetMed MRCVS)

## TB CORNER

### Six monthly testing roll out in HRA

The start date of 6 monthly testing in Cornwall has been delayed until 2020. Certain herds will be exempt from these rules including those that are CHECS TB accredited see <https://www.checs.co.uk/bovine-tb-herd-accreditation>

### TB HUB

This is a really useful and resource and has been redesigned to make it more user friendly. <https://tbhub.co.uk/>

### TBAS TB Advisory service.

Funding for TBAS visits and advice calls is due to end shortly please phone in to book your Free Visit, which will take around 2 hours. To get funding for the call or visit we need to apply prior to coming out and need.

- Name and Address
- Contact details phone and email
- CPH, UK Herd number and SBI number – the SBI number is related to the CPH number if you do not have one call APHA on 0300 020 0301
- Number and type of cattle

During the visit Katy will ask you about your farm set up, and any concerns you have. If you have received a Farm data pack from APHA it is useful to have this available. She will walk around the buildings and the land to see what changes can be implemented. She will advise you and suggest in a written report some achievable practical recommendations to reduce the risk.

### \*\*REMEMBER\*\*

Please remember Stefan will be testing every other Wednesday—reading on the following Saturday. This is on a first come first served basis and subject to change. We also have a new email address for TB related issues:

tb@kernowvetgroup.co.uk