



2017 RABDF/NMR Gold Cup Competition

Application Form

Once completed this document is for the sole use of the competition judges

Business Trading Title

Name of Farmer

Address

Postcode

Email Address

Contact Phone Numbers

Herd Reference Number

Please note you are expected to provide dairy costings and any other analysis which may help the judges to understand your business. If you do not provide dairy costings you will not proceed any further in the competition.

To support your application please provide any further documentation you think will help evidence your business.

Farm Details

Please provide background information on your farm:

Parlour type:

Please describe your business structure eg. Sole Trader, Partnership, Limited Company etc.

Overall farm size in hectares

Please tick all of the following enterprises that are relevant to your business:

Milk processing

Beef

Other livestock

Arable

Horticulture

Farm Shop

Renewables

Other

Please describe any other enterprises:

Dairy Cattle Details

Current dairy herd size

Number of youngstock

Predominant breed

Number of animals with 4 or more lactations

Change of herd size in the past year

Average bactoscan for last 3 months

Fat % for last 3 months

Protein % for last 3 months

SCC for last 3 months

Total annual milk sales (kg)

System Type

All year round

Seasonal

Block calving:

Spring

Autumn

Breeding

Voluntary waiting period (days)

Calving index (days)

Replacement rate (%)

Average number of services per pregnancy

Cows in calf at 6 weeks (% for measurement)

In calf at 100 days (%)

Not in calf at 200 days (%)

In calf at 42 days (%)

Pregnancy rate

Bull selection criteria:

What is the main feature regarding type which you consider in your cows?

What is the objective of your cross breeding policy? (If applicable)

Youngstock and Heifers

What is the cost of rearing heifers to 2 years old? (£)

What is the average age at calving?

What percentage of heifers are calving to second lactation?

What is your mortality rate from birth to down calving of replacement heifers (%)?

Health

What do you consider to be your greatest herd health risks? Please explain how you monitor and manage these risks, and with who you do this.

Please tick the following vaccination schemes that you participate in:

Johne's Disease

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD)

Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis

Leptospirosis

Neospora

How do you monitor lameness in your herd?

What is your number of mastitis cases per 100 cows over 12 months?

How do you manage mastitis levels?

What is your policy on non statutory (non government backed) disease?

How do you work with your vet?

Routine

Emergency

Advisory

Have you identified areas to reduce antibiotic use and have you done this in conjunction with your vet/consultant/milk buyer?

Do you undertake selective dry cow therapy?

Yes

No

If yes, what % of your herd does not receive antibiotics at drying off?

Farm Management and Environmental Details

Who is your milk buyer and what are the reasons for this choice?

How often do you meet your milk buyer to discuss your contract?

With regards to on farm labour, how many staff do you employ?

Please detail employee roles (including family), training of employees and training frequency:

Do you employ overseas labour on your dairy enterprise? If yes please specify whether they are full time, relief or family.

Yes

No

Number of UK staff:

Number of Overseas Workers:

Please select the following system you have (tick all that apply):

Summer grazed

Winter housed

Grazing

Full housed (365 days a year)

Please select the feeding policy you have (tick all that apply):

TMR (Total Mixed Rations)

PMR (Partially Mixed Rations)

Out of parlour

In parlour

Grazing only

Other

What is your last 12 months cost per litre?

Summer:

Winter:

Please supply further details. If you wish to include diet sheets please feel free to do so.

Do you use software such as Agrinet to monitor your grassland?

Yes

No

Please outline your cropping policy, including environmental schemes and other voluntary projects:

Are you in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone?

Yes

No

Please explain your soil management policies:

Please list any Farm Assurance schemes that you are accredited under:

What involvement, do you have with the local community, farm groups and the agricultural industry? For example do you attend or are you part of; discussion groups, milk buying group, AHDB group visits, technical events, farm walks and open days.

The Future

What do you perceive to be one of the biggest opportunities currently facing the industry for taking your business forward?

What do you perceive to be one of the biggest threats currently facing the industry and how are you going to address these issues in relation to your farm?