

CELLCHECK TIP OF THE MONTH



CellCheck Farmer Workshops-sign up today!

DID YOU know that you could increase your net farm profit by at least 1 cent per litre by improving mastitis control? Learn how at a CellCheck Farmer Workshop.....

This workshop will help you to understand the causes of mastitis and highlight how making simple changes in your everyday milking routine and management can improve and maintain lower SCC levels in your herd. CellCheck Farmer Workshops are delivered by teams of CellCheck-trained service providers, to provide you with the combined expertise of a farm advisor, a vet, a milking machine technician and a co-op milk quality advisor. The workshop is 2.5 hours in duration and is farm-based, with a mixture of classroom style learning, interactive and practical workstations, and group discussion. Group sizes are small to allow plenty of discussion and questions.

We are pleased to announce that DAFM has confirmed that CellCheck Farmer Workshops will be a component of the Dairy Knowledge Transfer (KT) measures under the new Rural Development Programme, which is due to start this June. In addition to participation in discussion group meetings, Dairy KT participants will be required to participate in a CellCheck Farmer Workshop if they haven't done so since 01/01/2015.

With approximately 7,000 dairy farmers expected to participate in the Dairy KT measures, it is anticipated that more than 400 workshops will be held throughout the country over the next 2 years. Following the positive feedback and outcomes from workshops held to date, this is a unique opportunity to continue to increase farmer engagement with the CellCheck programme and its resources, and to reap the benefits of better udder health.