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## Seek professional advice if problems persist

- Acting on warning levels
- Preventative action
- Recording problems

Assistance in investigating and solving mastitis and milk quality problems is available throughout Ireland.

A team approach is often required because solutions require the expertise of a number of professionals.

CellCheck provides training in these skills for veterinary practitioners, milking machine technicians, milk quality advisors, and farm advisors.

### 13.1 Seek professional advice e.g. your CellCheck advisor, your veterinary practitioner, IMQCS milking machine technician if mastitis indices are above warning levels (see table below)

Seek advice and put into action the advice you are given.

Review the table below to see if you need to act because your herd figures exceed the suggested warning levels.



Factor	Your figures	Warning level, seek help if:
<b>Bulk tank SCC</b>		Average for month above 200,000 cells/mL threshold
<b>Clinical case rate</b>		> 5% of cows in the first month of lactation OR > 2% of cows in subsequent months of lactation
<b>Individual cow SCC</b>		The new/recent infection rate on your milk recording is > 5% of cows at the last recording
<b>Teat condition</b>		Is unacceptable and does not improve three weeks after changes are made to machines or disinfectant mix



### Use the CellCheck Farm reports for your herd

The CellCheck Farm reports (Summary and Analysis) use your milk recording results, and clinical case records to give an accurate overview of udder health in your herd. They help you identify problem areas and potential risks as well as tracking progress after any management changes are made.

Contact ICBF or your CellCheck Advisor for more information, or visit [www.cellcheck.ie](http://www.cellcheck.ie) or [www.icbf.com](http://www.icbf.com)

## 13.2 Record problems and actions taken

If you write and record you will not forget when the problem has occurred.

It is also easier to draw up an appropriate action plan if you have good records for your CellCheck advisor to go through.

