

# CELL COUNT SOLUTIONS CONSULT

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## Take the first step to getting your mastitis and SCC levels under control - sign up for a free mastitis consult.

TASAH-funded, in-lactation consults called 'Cell Count Solutions' are available again in 2025. These consults were first piloted in 2022 and have been available nationally since then. As mastitis is a multifactorial problem, it requires a multidisciplinary approach to solve it. A key objective of the consult is to identify all the on-farm service providers, like vets, farm advisors, milk quality advisors and milking machine technicians with whom the farmer already has a relationship and to kick-start a collaborative approach to addressing mastitis. This vet-led consult is an opportunity to commence the process of mastitis problem-solving using the farmer's chosen team. While there is no quick fix for mastitis, this consult can act as a first step and set up the framework for ongoing multi-disciplinary engagement.

This consult is targeted at herds who are struggling to manage mastitis in their herds, and there are no eligibility criteria for herdowners that apply.

Farmers sign up through the AHI website (see flyer on following page), where they can select their preferred veterinary practitioner, provided they have completed the relevant training. The herdowner's trained milk quality advisor is also identified, and the farmer will also have the option to choose the additional service providers (farm advisor, milking machine technician etc.) to join the team. All team members will be supplied with the vet-farmer agreed action plan post-consult to enable ongoing support for the farmer.

If this sounds like a consult that you are interested in or feel that your herd would benefit from, see the attached flyer for more details on how to register. Alternatively contact your milk quality advisor or vet who will be familiar with the consult.



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## A FREE IN-LACTATION CONSULT FOR DAIRY FARMERS



- ✓ **Would you like to reduce your SCC and improve milk quality?**
- ✓ **Is mastitis costing you money or creating problems for you or your milkers?**
- ✓ **Would you like an opportunity to create a herd-specific plan with your vet?**
- ✓ **Do you know you can avail of a free veterinary visit?**

The Cell Count Solutions service is a free consult delivered by a trained veterinary practitioner, chosen by you, and is an opportunity for you to begin the process of mastitis problem-solving. It is also a first step in creating a multi-disciplinary team for your farm, to support you along the road of investigating and resolving mastitis issues. The consult will look at all relevant areas, including the cow, the milking routine, the environment, records etc. so that you can develop a farm-specific plan.

You nominate the people you want to include, such as your milk quality or farm advisor, milking machine technician etc. This service is funded through the Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health and supported by the Rural Development Programme, and coordinated by Animal Health Ireland.

**To register for the service, scan the QR Code**

