



**Lanes**  
farm vets

**Newsletter**  
December 2022

**Dates for your diary...**

**Let's talk TB:**

**Wed 7th December**—at NWA Auction Café Lancaster LA1 3JQ

**Friday 9th December**—at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall PR5 OUY

Both meetings 12-2pm hot lunch included. A chance to discuss the local TB situation, how we can take back control and what support is available to you. All welcome. Call 01995 602468 to book your lunch



**Christmas drinks**



**You are all invited to get into the festive spirit and join us for Christmas drinks on Thurs 15th Dec 7:30-10pm at Th'Owd Tithebarn, Garstang PR3 1PA**

**Prize for best Christmas jumper as usual! Chips & nibbles**

**Feeding your ewes**—Wed 4th January. Flock health club members.

Please bring forage/grass analysis if you have them so you can devise your bespoke feeding plan for cost efficient lamb vigour and milk production

**Sheep husbandry course**— 4 sessions throughout the sheep calendar year

**Mon 23rd Jan, lunch included 12-2pm**

**Part 1: Practical lambing & improving lamb survival rates**

**£50 per course or £150 for all 4. Call 01995 602468 for more details.**



**Lanes Farm Vets, Brock Auction, Claughton-On-Brock, PR3 OPH**  
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# Get a grip on mastitis with Quarter-Pro:

## What is it & how to sign up

The AHDB National Mastitis Plan can be very effective in gaining huge improvements in mastitis. However, the time investment required has resulted in lower-than-hoped-for uptake of this initiative.

Hence the development and launch of the **Quarter-Pro system**, which uses milk-recording information and clinical mastitis records (which your milk recorder will collect from you or your herd management system) to assess the predominant sources of mastitis on any farm. The programme produces an easily accessible report for the farmer that can be discussed with your vet, herd manager, consultant etc. (see next page for a typical report example). The AHDB has also developed advice handbooks to accompany each of the outcomes so that farm improvements can be targeted to the main areas of risk.

This process is automated to send a report following every milk recording making it simple to review on a quarterly basis with an advisor/vet to enable continuous improvements in mastitis control and identify problems or changes in patterns quickly.

In order to access this programme, you need to sign up via

<https://cloud.remedy.farm/mpat>

which asks for some farm details and for you to create a username, password. Once submitted you should receive confirmation from your milk recording company and then start receiving reports soon after each recording.

In order to share these reports with your vet or advisors you need to log back in and add third parties to receive the reports. We can help with the set up if required—please just ask your vet or call the office to speak to a vet.

An example of a typical report is on the next page.

# Mastitis Pattern Analysis Report



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Nottingham  
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The current key herd mastitis pattern is:

## Environmental Lactation

Mastitis and Milk Quality  
currently a **MAJOR** issue

Business Name: New Beech Farm

Farm: Old Oak

Report Date: 01/09/2021

	Current Quarter	Last Quarter	This Quarter Last Year
Calculated Bulk Milk SCC ('000 cells/ml)	131	120	210
Cow Clinical Mastitis Incident Rate (/100 cows/year)	30.0	39.0	47.0

### Seasonality:



There appear to be clear important seasonal patterns

### Heifer Management:



Fresh calved heifer issues: **MAJOR**



Overall data quality is **GOOD**

The number of recordings is **adequate**

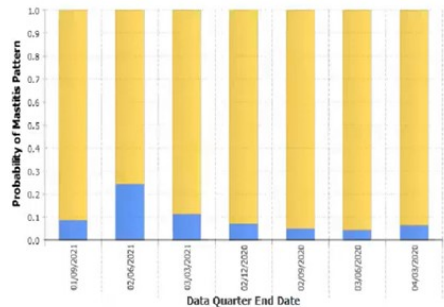
**Sufficient** clinical mastitis data is available to inform a robust diagnosis

**Sufficient** cows have calved to inform a robust diagnosis

**Sufficient** heifers have calved to inform a robust diagnosis of heifer related issues

## Mastitis Pattern Trends

Pattern Trends ■ Contagious ■ Environmental Dry Period ■ Environmental Lactation



## These reports can be discussed on a regular basis to determine:

- When infections are predominantly happening ie dry period or in lactation
- Work out where infections are predominantly coming from eg cow to cow or environment
- Identify key risk factors
- Work out what can be done to reduce these risks
- Make changes...
- Review every 3 months

## Fluke reminder

If you haven't already treated for fluke, now is the time to consider treating or testing animals that have been out. Call us for more advice if unsure.

## Sheep dipping training

Wynnstay at Lancaster North West Auction are running a sheep dipping course on Tuesday 24th January with a one hour practical assessment on Thursday 26th Jan.

Lunch is included on Tuesday.

Please call 01524 62480 to book your place.

## Medicines text line

If you would find it easier to order your medicines by text (24/7) don't forget we have the **medicines text line**. Send your order along with your surname and farm name and we will get it ready for you when next open.

Of course we are still more than happy for you to phone your order, we do actually quite like talking to you!

### Contact numbers

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