

Farm News

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Mobility Scoring in Dairy Herds

Most of you will be aware of the increasing pressure from your milk purchaser for mobility scoring to be carried out regularly in your herd, and action taken to treat the cows identified as needing attention. This is another burden that you will almost certainly have to undertake, but one that will provide you with significant benefits, if done properly. One option is, Avondale Vets would like to offer free mobility scoring, carried out monthly, as long as the cows identified as requiring prompt treatment are treated by us within 5 days. Another option would be to provide just the mobility scores, which will only be accepted if carried out by a properly trained assessor. If you are interested in more information, then please contact Tim Caldwell or another farm vet to discuss your options.

Interherd Fertility Bureau

Any herd that milk records, has a large amount of information that can be used with no adjustment by the UK's leading herd management program, Interherd. Some of you will be aware of this software and what it can provide, both as a tool for analysis of performance/efficiency, and as a means to identify cows that should be on various action lists. Attending to these cows promptly can very quickly improve your herd's fertility. We will be purchasing the Interherd program soon, and would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to know more of what can be offered. It is likely that all those expressing an interest will be invited to a demonstration of the system, and shown how it can be used to help manage your herds.