

CELLCHECK TIP OF THE MONTH



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CELL COUNT SOLUTIONS

A FREE IN-LACTATION
CONSULT FOR DAIRY
FARMERS



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A FREE MASTITIS CONSULT?

Following the positive feedback from farmers that have participated in CellCheck Dry Cow Consults, the CellCheck team have been developing a consult to help farmers that are having difficulty in managing mastitis and SCC levels on their farm. 2022 saw the introduction of a new TASA-funded in-lactation consult called 'Cell Count Solutions', as a pilot programme. We are happy to announce that further funding has been secured, enabling a national roll out of this consult. As mastitis is a multifactorial problem it benefits from a multidisciplinary approach. This new consult is an opportunity to commence the process of mastitis problem-solving using a multidisciplinary team. It is also important to remember that there is no quick fix to resolving mastitis issues and this consult is a first step in ongoing multi-disciplinary engagement and support.

Although the TASA-funded consult is veterinary-led, a key objective of the consult is to identify other on-farm service providers, such as 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. There are no eligibility criteria for farms to participate in this consult - it is targeted at herds with an SCC above 200,000 cells/mL and/or are struggling to manage mastitis in their herds.

Farmers can register through the AHI website and select their preferred, trained veterinary practitioner. They will also have the option to identify and connect the additional service providers (milk quality advisor, farm advisor, milking machine technician etc.), who will be supplied with a copy of the actions agreed during the initial consult, so they can provide ongoing support to the farmer.

The goals of the consult are to work with you the herdowner, to:

- Initially assess the herd mastitis situation, based on available information and data and propose some early remedial actions.
- Identify and understand the economic opportunity and potential from improving mastitis control on-farm.
- Identify and agree mastitis-related goals.
- Develop a detailed plan, for both further investigation and monitoring of the herd's mastitis situation.

To register for this free consult, check out the link or scan the QR code:

<https://portal.animalhealthireland.ie/CKKTASAHLACFR/>

