

Mentor Programmes

DairyMentor

OVERVIEW

XLVet Skillnet's DairyMentor is a disease monitoring training programme available to dairy farmers, providing a comprehensive profile of the individual diseases undermining the profitability of the dairy herd.

The DairyMentor programme includes a combination of blood testing, bulk tank milk testing, faecal testing and individual milk testing.

Sometimes blood testing on its own, or bulk tank milk testing on its own can give a certain amount of information, but doesn't tell the whole story, whereas combining the two allows for a more comprehensive overview of the prevalence of a particular disease in the herd.

If a disease is active in a herd, then DairyMentor will identify it. If a disease is not active, there will have the peace of mind in knowing that. The vet will advise on a vaccination protocol most relevant to that herd, and the best time to administer vaccinations.

ANALYSIS

Bloods are taken from the milking cows and some from the young stock, which are the replacements aged between 8 – 24 months.

These blood results, combined with milk samples from the bulk tank, gives a maximum chance of accurately identifying whether a disease is active in the herd.

Knowledge of the prevalence or absence of the below conditions will allow the vet to devise a very specific Herd Health Plan for the farmer.



14 diseases are monitored in DairyMentor, these include; BVD, IBR, RSV, Salmonella, Leptospira, Mycoplasma bovis, Neospora, Johne's Disease, Q Fever, Ostertagiasis (Gut worms), Lungworms, Liver Fluke, Rumen Fluke, and Mastitis

FARMER BENEFIT

With no other comparable programme out there, the XLVets Skillnets DairyMentor provides science-based evidence of what pathogens are currently present on farm, while expert advice in managing risk and preventing clinical disease is provided.

Once samples are analysed, the vets engages in a one to one discussion to help the farmer assess the risks of disease. The potential consequences of inaction are explained and vaccination protocols put in place.



Farmer Fee

€360

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