



5.5 CVE credits

MilkSure✓

AVSPNI One day CPD Course | Thursday 11th October | CAFRE Greenmount, Antrim

MilkSure training

Understanding medicine residues in milk and how the MilkSure course works

A one day course suitable for all Northern Ireland dairy vets wishing to learn more about the MilkSure course and how to deliver the training to dairy farmers. This course is open to all NI vets with a discounted booking fee for AVSPNI members.

Medicine residues in milk is a problem for the dairy industry. Whilst it can be rare in practice to hear about clients' bulk tank failures, there are around one thousand detected incidents per year. As prescribers of the medicines, vets are key players in ensuring they are used correctly and the appropriate withdrawal periods are understood and adhered to. The MilkSure initiative allows vets to get more involved in this important area of their clients' businesses, as well as review their own procedures.

MilkSure training for dairy farmers has been developed by Dairy UK in conjunction with BCVA. Dairy UK is the organisation which represents the vast majority of milk processors in the UK.

Local milk processors have reviewed milk testing arrangements around residue contamination of milk supplies and are rolling out new protocols for any producer who has an antibiotic failure. Such farmers will be required to undertake the MilkSure training programme within a 3 month window. The training is delivered by his/her Veterinary Surgeon and addresses both general awareness of how antibiotic failures occur and scrutiny of the medicines used by the individual farm followed by an online test. It is envisaged that this will be rolled out to ALL farmers, not just those who have experienced residue issues.

Vets delivering MilkSure training to clients must be familiar with it and well-prepared to deliver it effectively.

Speaker - Owen Atkinson - RCVS Specialist in Cattle Health and Production



Owen graduated from Liverpool in 1994 and worked in predominantly dairy clinical practice for 20 years before establishing Dairy Veterinary Consultancy Ltd. He has helped develop the MilkSure course on behalf of Dairy UK, with input from other practitioners and BCVA directors. He has a deep understanding of the practicalities and economics of both dairy farms and veterinary practices. He has a particular interest in vet-farmer interactions and successful communication strategies. This background has been useful in developing a practical training course which has received some great feedback from both vets and farmers who have so far participated.



Course Programme - Walled Garden Studio, Greemount College

09:30 – 10:00	REGISTRATION
10:00 – 11:00	Introduction: objectives; why MilkSure has been developed; why MilkSure is important for processors; for farmers; for vets
11:00 – 11:15	REFRESHMENTS
11:15 – 12:45	Part 1 of the MilkSure course: technical essentials of medicine residues. Legislation; cascade use; residue tests and industry procedures
12:45 - 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 –15:00	Part 2 of the MilkSure course: the practicalities (farm examples; workshop using the “virtual medicine cabinet”)
15:00 – 15:30	On-line test: demonstration and opportunity to try for yourselves
15:30 - 15:45	REFRESHMENTS
15:45 - 16:15	Offering the training in practice
16:15 - 16:30	WRAP UP AND CLOSE



Book your place - *This course is strictly limited to 15 delegates*

Please email info@vetni.co.uk or call VetNI 02825898543 to book a place on this course.

AVSPNI Member - Full registration including refreshments and lunch £150

NON Member - Full registration including refreshments and lunch £200

All delegates will receive copies of the Vet's Guide and Farmer Workbook/Manual as well as full access to the MilkSure website

Course fees must be paid in full on or before 15th August and cancellations 7 days prior to course will not be refunded

Payment methods: BACS or Cheque: Please make cheques payable to: AVSPNI and post to VETNI, 6 Ross Green Lane, Kilgad Road, Kells, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT42 3JA