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North of Ireland Veterinary Association



NIVA & AVSPNI Joint Autumn Webinar

Wednesday 18th November

8.00pm

How Now Dairy Cow

Sustainability, nutrition & technology in the dairy industry

Challenges and opportunities in feeding housed dairy cows:

This presentation will include a brief overview of the changing structure of the dairy sector, and the key challenges it faces.

- Maximising use of grass silage in dairy cow diets.
- Getting concentrate feeding correct.
- The environmental challenges associated with concentrate feeding.
- New technology and opportunities.



Speaker: Dr Conrad Ferris

Conrad manages the Sustainable Dairy Systems research programme at AFBI Hillsborough



Nutritional strategies to support diarrhoic calves

Oral rehydration solutions (ORS) support animal health by restoring water, mineral, and acid-base balance in diarrhoeic calves. However, the optimal concentration of sodium, chloride and thus tonicity is crucial, as excessive solutes may worsen the diarrhoea severity and impair solution efficacy.

Speaker: Juliette Wilms

Researcher, Ruminant Research Center, Trouw Nutrition R&D, Netherlands

How to help your clients choose a cow monitoring device

On-farm technology is increasing rapidly, vets must embrace precision livestock farming (PLF) or risk being left out of important areas of livestock-health decisions.

This talk will outline the 10 key questions vets should ask to identify the best system for a specific farm.

Speaker: Jan van Dijk DVM, PhD, MRCVS

Veterinary Consultant (Ruminants) at Zoetis. He is the UK technical lead for Smartbow, Zoetis' leading dairy cow monitoring device.



Please visit the VetNI website to register for this webinar

on or before 12 noon on 17th November

Cost: FOC for AVSPNI/NIVA members

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