



We pick a few of the products and services set to be launched

Making their debut

Guide highlights the value of grass

A guide on the nutritional composition of grass will be launched at Livestock 2013 by British Seed Houses.

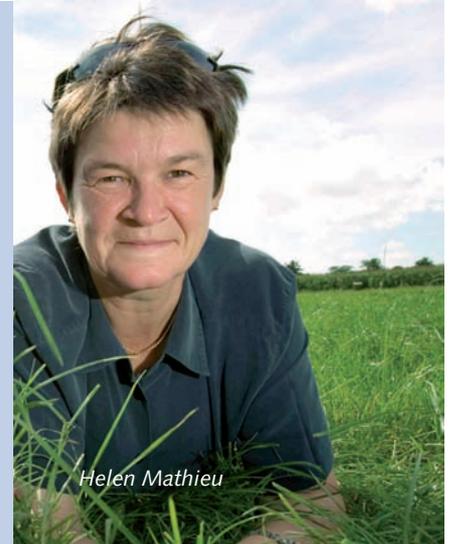
The publication, which has been compiled in collaboration with plant and animal scientists at IBERS Aberystwyth University, is designed as a quick-and-easy guide to assist producers in making better use of grass – the cheapest source of feed on UK farms.

“A lot of information is available on the importance of reseeding and on

grazing and ensiling management, but we believe there is something of a knowledge gap – certainly among some livestock producers – when it comes to the nutritional composition of fresh grass,” explains the company’s Helen Mathieu.

“This guide aims to highlight the key components and their importance, explain the reasons for the variations in quality that occur, and provide pointers as to how to achieve target values.”

British Seed Houses will make free copies available to visitors to their stand.



Helen Mathieu

Mouthpiece-vented triangular liners

Milkrite will be launching its revolutionary new Impulse Air triangular dairy liners, which it says can help reduce mastitis and improve both teat health and milk quality.

Impulse Air triangular liners, which have already achieved a 20% market share in the US, have been widely tested in the UK and mainland Europe during the past two years. Visitors to the show will be able to see for themselves the benefits of venting dairy liners liner at the mouthpiece compared to conventional venting in the claw.

A recent independent study in Belgium has confirmed the benefits from the use of the new liners. In the study, which took place on 20 commercial dairy farms representing more than 1,500 milking cows, clinical mastitis was reduced and both teat condition and milk quality were improved.

Using the right type and size of dairy liner is crucially important if a milking installation is to operate properly. Teat condition is very much influenced by the type of liner used and as herds change over time this is an area overlooked by dealers and other manufacturers.



“The highly improved condition and good milking characteristics – less slippage, less air sucked in and no milking units falling off – probably explain why the number of farmers using the Impulse Air liners in Belgium is growing,” adds Dr Maris. Producers attending the Livestock Show will have the chance to win a complete parlour set of Milkrite clusters.

Calf colostrum pasteuriser

A unique pasteurisation machine, which ensures that colostrum fed to new-born calves is safer for them to drink, will be launched at the Livestock Event by G Shepherd Animal Health.

The MilkWorks Gold unit removes serious disease-causing micro-organisms – including Johne’s, TB, salmonella, rotavirus and mycoplasma – from colostrum.

This greatly reduces the risk of transmissible diseases being passed from adult animals to their calves

via colostrum, according to the company. The pasteuriser can chill, pasteurise, thaw and reheat colostrum within a single unit and it is different from other pasteurisers on the market because it has been specifically designed to handle colostrum in conjunction with ‘Perfect Udder’ bags. These are single-use, disposable bags, which come with screw-on nipples and feeding tubes, to improve cleanliness and simplicity of use.

The 3.8 litre bags can completely thaw and reheat their contents four times faster than standard bottles, which



reduces the labour input related to calf colostrum feeding. They can be stored in a freezer, for up to six months.