

One-day event offers workshops, seminars and practical demonstrations

# Sharing dairy knowledge

UK Dairy Day returns to the International Centre in Telford on Wednesday September 13. Trade stand space is sold out and more than 300 dairy related businesses from across the UK, Europe and further afield are waiting to greet you.

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The theme of the 2017 exhibition is 'sharing knowledge'. The event will feature a dedicated zone, in partnership with AHDB Dairy, on the first floor with seminars and practical demonstrations to engage, inspire and educate.

There will be two seminar areas with 18 15-minute presentations taking place with leading speakers covering key dairy industry subjects that inform the audience and create topical discussion.

UK Dairy Day is an accredited event with Dairy Pro and an upgrade for 2017 means it qualifies for three points; Livestock Production Systems (LP), Business Management (BM) and Personal Development (PD). In addition, a CPD Knowledge Trail will be available at the event for visitors to gain a maximum 12 Dairy Pro points. To participate, visit the Dairy Pro stand.

## Demonstration areas

There will also be plenty of action outside in the external demonstration areas, including practical pointers on calf rearing and calf anatomy painting, as well as foot trimming and knife sharpening workshops by a qualified team of independent foot trimmers, Tim Carter, David Rowe, Ema Glaze and Andrew Tyler.

The team know that the key to the success of any task is having the right tools for the job. The trimming and

sharpening demonstrations will be streamed to a large TV screen with commentary so visitors are able to see first-hand the detail of the trimming and knife sharpening.

Calf anatomy painting has attracted a lot of interest at shows this year and Scarsdale Vets return to offer skeletal insight. The presentation gives participants the opportunity to visualise and understand a calf's anatomy using paint.

Carolyn Baguley from Scarsdale Vets will focus on the musculoskeletal/nervous system and internal organs to assist the understanding of calf health and welfare.

## What's new?

The 2017 event will feature new areas including the 'making more from milk' zone and the 'calf rearing' zone.

Visitors can find out more about farm diversification in the former and seek advice on how to add value to milk through a number of initiatives like vending machines, making ice cream or yoghurts, or creating a new supply chain. This zone aims to share real producer stories about diversification and offer inspiration to others looking to add value.

The 'calf rearing' zone will be located in the external trade stand area. Tips on calving, growth, health, hygiene, feeding and husbandry will form part of this practical area.

According to AHDB Dairy, rearing calves is the second largest contributor to a dairy business's production costs after feed. So it's well worth a visit to see if you can pick up any tips or information to make sure you're maximising their potential.

Doors open at 10.00am and entry is free. |

## CowManagement competition

Make time to come and say 'hello' to the CowManagement team on stand number F4.

We're running a competition and have several dairy prizes to give away, including a Dairy Spares cow brush.

Just fill out the entry card in this issue, or pick one up from our stand on the day. And make sure you also collect your very own free 'personalised' CowManagement fridge magnet. Good luck!