**KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER DAIRY PROGRAMME**

The Knowledge Transfer Dairy Programme shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and is delivered by a network of approved Knowledge Transfer Facilitators.

Dairy is one of 6 Sectors in the Programme along with Beef, Equine, Poultry, Sheep and Tillage.

Participants can join groups in 2 different sectors. The first sector submitted on the KT online system automatically becomes the Primary Sector. Participants can nominate an individual to represent them at meetings/events.

**Programme Objectives are to:**
- Encourage efficiency and effectiveness of work
- Help farmers to deal with complex issues
- Build capacity of individuals in a group environment
- Ensure farmers engage in a process of continuous improvement
- Encourage innovation and new ideas
- Enhance the delivery of other related measures proposed under the RDP

**Main topics:**
The focus of the programme will be on the General Principles of Dairy Farm Management. The topics covered will include:
- Animal Health & Management
- Profitability & Financial Management
- Grassland Management Plan
- Farm Health & Safety
- Farm Progression
- CellCheck Farmer Workshop
- Carbon Navigator
- Breeding Plan

**3 Year Programme:**
- Year 1: 1st June 2016 and 31st May 2017
- Year 2: 1st June 2017 and 31st May 2018
- Year 3: 1st June 2018 and 31st May 2019

**Participant Eligibility:**
- 18 years or older
- Active Herd Number with Herd Owner Status
- Valid BPS for each year of the programme
- Producer and delivering Milk to a registered Milk Purchaser in 2015 or from 01.01.2016 onward

**Farm Improvement Plan (FIP) requirements:**
- E-Profit Monitor
- Breeding Plan
- Animal Health Measures
- CellCheck workshop
- Grassland Management Plan
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**National Events:**
Approved National events will be advertised on DAFM website. One National Event may be considered in lieu of one group meeting.

**Rates of Payment:**
- €750 per participant for Primary Sector
- €375 per participant for Secondary Sector

Under Regulation 1305/2013 the facilitator is the beneficiary and is responsible for reimbursing successful participants for each successful year of the programme. Penalties may apply.

**How to apply:**
Applications to join the Programme for the full three year contract will be accepted from 19th May 2016 up until 30th June 2016 – TO APPLY PLEASE CONTACT A KT FACILITATOR.

A list of approved Knowledge Transfer Facilitators is available at www.agriculture.gov.ie

**Queries:**
Queries may be sent to the Innovation Unit at KTInformation@agriculture.gov.ie

**Responsibility:**
It shall be the responsibility of the participant/nominee to familiarise his/herself with the Knowledge Transfer Dairy Programme’s Terms and Conditions and any amendments thereto and with the consequence for breaches of the Knowledge Transfer Dairy Programme Terms & Conditions.

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Actions of the Farm Improvement to be completed in Year 1
An E-Profit Monitor must be completed in year 1 of the Programme. It is completed on the Teagasc Website and the content of the plan is based on the previous production year.

Breeding Plan must be completed in year 1 of the programme. It must be completed on the ICBF website by the facilitator and the participant.

There are 3 elements to Pasturebase and all must be completed over the duration of the Programme.
- Spring rotation planner
- Summer wedge
- Autumn rotation planner

At least one of the three elements must be completed each year. All three components MUST be completed over the duration of the Programme on DAFM FIP system. For compliance purposes, credit will only be given once for completing each component.

The Animal Health & Management Measure must be completed in year 1 of the Programme. The targeted areas are
- Calf Health & Bio security.
- Parasite Control
- Lameness
- Fertility

This must be completed on the DAFM Animal Health Computer System (AHCS) with a DAFM approved Private Knowledge Transfer Veterinary Practitioner.

CellCheck workshop if not completed between 1st January 2015 and 30th June 2016 must be completed within 18 months of entering the programme 30th June 2016 and 31st December 2017.

The Carbon Navigator must be completed in year 1, on Bord Bia website. The participant and a Knowledge Transfer Facilitator must complete this together.

The Farm Health and Safety element of the FIP must be completed in year 1 of the programme on a Farm Work Efficiency Worksheet. The participant and Knowledge Transfer Facilitator must complete this together.

Actions of the Farm Improvement to be completed in Year 2
The E-Profit Monitor must be updated in year 2 of the programme it must be completed on the Teagasc website and the content of the plan is based on the previous production year.

Breeding Plan must be updated in year 2 of the programme. It must be completed on the ICBF website by the facilitator and the participant.

There are 3 elements to Pasturebase and all must be completed over the duration of the Programme.
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- Calf Health & Bio security.
- Parasite Control
- Lameness
- Fertility

This must be completed on the DAFM Animal Health Computer System (AHCS) with a DAFM approved Private Knowledge Transfer Veterinary Practitioner.

The Carbon Navigator must be updated in year 2 on Bord Bia website. The participant and a Knowledge Transfer Facilitator must complete this together.

The Farm Health and Safety element of the FIP must be updated in year 2 of the programme on a Farm Work Efficiency Worksheet. The participant and Knowledge Transfer Facilitator must complete this together.

Actions of the Farm Improvement to be completed in Year 3
The E-Profit Monitor must be updated in year 3 of the Programme. It must be completed on the Teagasc website and the content of the plan is based on the previous production year.

Breeding Plan must be updated in year 3 of the programme. It must be completed on the ICBF website by the facilitator and the participant.

There are 3 elements to Pasturebase and all must be completed over the duration of the Programme.
- Spring rotation planner
- Summer wedge
- Autumn rotation planner

At least one of the three elements must be completed each year. All three components MUST be completed over the duration of the Programme on DAFM FIP system. For compliance purposes, credit will only be given once for completing each component.

The Animal Health & Management Measure must be updated in year 3 of the Programme. The targeted areas are
- Calf Health & Bio security.
- Parasite Control
- Lameness
- Fertility

This must be completed on the DAFM Animal Health Computer System (AHCS) with a DAFM approved Private Knowledge Transfer Veterinary Practitioner.

The Carbon Navigator must be updated in year 3 on Bord Bia website. The participant and a Knowledge Transfer Facilitator must complete this together.

The Farm Health and Safety element of the FIP must be updated in year 3 of the programme on a Farm Work Efficiency Worksheet. The participant and Knowledge Transfer Facilitator must complete this together.

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