

The Importance of Mastitis

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What is mastitis?

- Infection of the uterus
- Swollen udder prior to calving
- Clots in the milk
- Inflammation of the udder
- Udder producing no milk

Are accurate records of mastitis important on your farm?

- Only for acute clinical cases
- Only for recording antibiotic use
- Yes, they are the key to effective mastitis control
- Yes, they are required for farm assurance
- Only in first-lactation heifers

The cost of mastitis treatment accounts for what percentage of the costs of mastitis?

- 15%
- 33%
- 40%
- 50%
- 75%

Decreased milk yield and quality

- Only occur in severe cases of mastitis
- Are the main cost of mastitis
- Are not a significant cost of mastitis
- Are seen for a short time only after mastitis.
- Only occur when heifers have mastitis

Recent studies have shown that the average percentage of cows which suffer from clinical mastitis per year is?

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10 - 20

20 - 40

30 - 70

More than 100

Mastitis control programmes

Are a waste of money as mastitis is never important on dairy farms

Should focus on mastitis treatment only

Are not effective

Cost too much to implement

If individualised for each farm are effective at controlling mastitis.

Records of clinical cases

Are not important

Are no better than counting the number of tubes bought from the vet

Are only important for farm audits

Are only important for culling

Give vital information for planning mastitis control

What is the average cost of mastitis over a year on a 100 cow farm?

£2000 - £4000

£3000 - £6000

£4000 - £7000

£5000 - £9000

£7000 - £25000

Is daily commitment from farmers necessary for mastitis prevention?

Yes

No, once a month is enough

No, once a week is enough

You only need mastitis prevention when bulk cell count is near 400 000

Not important at all

Does mastitis increase the risk of culling

No, cows recover even when mastitis is severe

Yes, but only when the cow is very sick

Yes, but only if the cow has a temperature

Yes, even when it is mild and apparently responds to treatment

Yes, but only if the cow has *E. coli* mastitis