

# InfoDairy

## Healthy Hoof Program

**A Path in reducing lameness**



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*Lameness is caused by many factors which differ between individual cows and farms. Reducing the number of lame cows on your farm requires a long-term, planned approach that is supported by the whole farm team.*

### ***What is the Healthy Hoof Program?***

The Healthy Hoof Program is a practical and systematic approach, aimed at reducing the incidence of chronic lameness on dairy farms. The program focuses on prevention of lameness in conjunction with information and training on management and treatment of lame cows. The support and training for the **Healthy Hoof Program** is provided by professionals experienced in modern dairy management and cow care. Resources in the program are based on the work of dairy cattle lameness from the top universities and consultants in the United States.

## *Why worry about lame cows?*

Lame cows:

- Cost you milk loss
- Cost you time and money
- Are a serious welfare problem
- Affect staff and farm morale

## *The Healthy Hoof 5 step Program....*

### **Step one: Diagnosis and action plan**

Your Healthy Hoof Program advisor comes to your farm and carries out an assessment of your farm, cow management, and locomotion. You receive and action plan which highlights all of the factors likely to be causing lame cows on your farm, and some recommended solutions.

### **Step two: Skill development**

Your Healthy Hoof Program advisor delivers training in prevention and treatment of lame cows, to all farm staff who require it. Support for staff is also provided through a variety of resources.

### **Step three: Monitoring and recording of lame cows**

You record your lame cows. Recording systems are provided to make recording of all lame cows throughout the year, simple and accurate for you.

### **Step four: 2 month update**

Your Healthy Hoof Program advisor will review your lame cow records for you every 2 months. These records will highlight any ongoing problems or improvements in your lame cows management.

### **Step five: Review and action plan**

At the end of the program, your Healthy Hoof Program advisor will review your progress with you, and an action plan can be developed for future if necessary.

## *Healthy Hoof Packet*

As well as the support of an expert consultant, you also receive a Healthy Hoof Packet which includes:

- A guide to assist with diagnosis and treatment of lame cows.
- Wall posters
- Recording and monitoring methods
- Information on lame cow treatment and prevention, foot bath requirements and staff training

## *Poor cow management*

Poor cow management is responsible for many of the lame cows in dairy herds.

### **How good is the cowmanship on your farm?**

- Have you ever taken the time to observe cows as they move to the parlor?
- Is everybody on your farm aware of the loss of milk, reproductive problems, and increased risk of being culled associated with lame cows?
- Do you detect lame cows before they are at the back of the herd and can't bear weight on their hoof?
- Do your hoof trimmers score cows for locomotion on a regular basis?
- Does everybody on your farm treat cows in a quiet calm manner?
- Are your hoof trimmers equipped with the appropriate tools and skills for this job?
- Do you have enough experienced staff treating lame cows to ensure that all lame cows are treated as early as possible?

**If you did not answer yes to all these questions, the Healthy Hoof Program will improve lame cow management on your farm and increase your profits.**

*“For the cost of one lame cow you can pay for the Healthy Hoof Program for an entire year.”*

### *How can I enroll in the Healthy Hoof Program?*

- Contact your InfoDairy advisor to review your farm needs and discuss how the program can benefit you.
- Or... visit our website and fill out the “training request” form and an advisor will contact you.
- The training and information resources are provided free upon enrolling

### *Where can I find the “Training Request” form?*

Go to [www.infodairy.com/forms/en.html](http://www.infodairy.com/forms/en.html) and download the “training request” form. Fill out the form with the appropriate information and return it to [info@infodairy.com](mailto:info@infodairy.com)

Or...

Contact Infodairy @ 123-456-7890



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