

# Precision Dairy Management Conference

**When: Thursday 17th March 2016**

**Where: Westpoint Centre (Devon) Ltd,  
Exeter, EX5 1DJ**

## For attendees:

- Find out more about the latest advances in livestock technology;
- Hear first hand about the impact these innovations have had on dairy businesses;
- Look at novel ways of collecting and using data to enhance your business;
- Provide a networking platform for forward thinking, progressive producers.

**Ticket costs range from £50-95**

**Special student/ YFC rate—£15**

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## Draft programme:

10.00 - Registration and refreshments

10.30- Welcome

10.35- Potential for Precision Farming, Debbie McConnell, AHDB Dairy and Nuffield Scholar

Embarking on a Nuffield scholarship this year Debbie will explore, automating the dairy farmer, exploiting the potential of precision technology on dairy farms.

11.05- Developing Resilient Farm Businesses for Turbulent Times, Heather Wildman  
What is a resilient farm business? Heather will discuss how motivating and inspiring staff can aid a business resilience.

11.35—*Fertility and Breeding*

Breeding for Genetic Resistance to Lameness & Other Diseases, Kenneth Byskov, ABA Viking

Breeding animals for improved resistance to feet and leg disorders as well as digestive and reproductive diseases. He will give us an overview of his work and what we might expect from the cow of the future.

In-line Milk Progesterone Testing, TBC

What impact has the Herd Navigator system had on herd performance and business finances.

12.35 - Lunch and networking

1.45 - *Animal health*

Automated Body Condition Scoring, Duncan Forbes, Kingshay

Detecting incremental changes to BCS as cows walk through the parlour with a 3D camera can help plan feeding, reproduction and improve cow longevity.

TB - Alternative Tests for Accuracy (Enferplex) - Alastair Hayton, Synergy Farm Health

Having been validated by Defra, Alastair will give us an overview of the new blood or milk test which could significantly reduce the cost of Tb testing and assist with accurate detection in endemic areas.

2.45—*Grassland Management*

Improving grass utilised per ha —Jack Munday, Town Barton Dairy

Improving grass utilised per ha can significantly increase net margins, Jack will discuss how they maximise grass use on their farm in Devon.

4.00 - Close and update on Horizon 2020 project

IfA is leading a Horizon 2020 bid looking at data driven dairy decision for farmers. Find out more about this innovative project.