



TACKLING THE HIGH CELL COUNT HERD

**An organised approach to the high cell count herd is successful.
Culling & treating your problems may provide short-term gain.**

1. **Identify the cause of the problem ~ Essential step**

Bacteriology from : High cell count [CMT] cows
: Bulk tank milk
: Pre-treatment milk samples

Make sure your bacteriology results identifies the type of Strep and Staph, e.g. Strep uberis, Staph aureus etc

2. **Review all mastitis control measures** – work with your vet. Items will include;

- Milking routine
- Treatment & mastitis detection
- Dry cow therapy ~ options for high cell count cows
- Milking machine
- Culling
- *and lots more areas*

Now you have controlled the spread of infection from cow to cow

3. **Action for high cell count cows**

- Dry off early
- Cull chronic mastitis cows.
- Treat if appropriate ~ careful selection and treatment
- Other options

4. **Monitor herd cell count and keep good records.**

5. **Maintain and improve mastitis control measures as necessary.** Work with us and let us know what progress has been made