



Ambitious aim to sign all Scottish dairy farmers up for Dairy Pro

A HDB and the Scottish Government are aiming to have all Scottish dairy businesses signed up to continuing professional development programme Dairy Pro by the end of the year.

Membership of the Dairy Pro scheme, which offers access to a range of training services, is normally £20 a year, however the fee for 2017/18 will be waived for new members, thanks to securing funding from Government and AHDB. Current members will also benefit, with all eligible for free membership next year.

Farmers wishing to sign up for Dairy Pro for free now can do by visiting the Dairy Pro website – www.dairypro.co.uk.

AHDB Dairy Knowledge Exchange Manager Helen Brookes, explains why this offer is being made. She says: “We want at least one person per farm business in Scotland signed up to Dairy Pro. It’s really important that we support and encourage people who work in the sector to nurture and develop their talents, as through promoting professional development we can help people build resilient sustainable businesses.”

Sally Williams, who is a dairy and sheep farmer in the Scottish Borders, has been a member of Dairy Pro for nearly three years, and says the easy to use system has focused her professional development.

She says: “Previously, although I used to attend workshops and meetings which helped my professional development, this effort wasn’t recorded. I joined Dairy Pro so I could log all those activities, and the process has given me a greater understanding of the areas where I have

built expertise, and those areas where I perhaps need to do more.”

The scheme enables members to establish an online profile, register for training and events and build up Dairy Pro points. There are a huge range of activities eligible for points including entrepreneurship classes, dairy discussion groups, workshops on soil management and animal health, as well as large scale events such as Women in Dairy and AgriScot.

Farmers can find out more about Dairy Pro by visiting the AHDB stand at AgriScot on 15 November, or to sign up now visit www.dairypro.co.uk or phone Dairy Pro on 02476 478681. Alternatively contact Stuart Martin at Scottish Dairy Hub on 07500 766083.

