



Mentor Profile:

Jim Baird

Jim farms at Nether Affleck Farm, near Lanark in the Clyde Valley in Scotland. The business comprises two dairy units working in tandem, covering 175 hectares. The farms are entirely in grass and carry 420 dairy cows and 170 young stock.

The cows are mainly cross-bred using Montbeliarde and New Zealand Friesian genetics. They are Autumn block calved, and run on a relatively low input forage-based system.

Jim undertook a BSc in Agriculture at Edinburgh University, and more recently I gained a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at Strathclyde University. He is also a Nuffield Scholar (2010).

Jim is a Farmer Director with First Milk, has just finished his stint on the board of AHDB Dairy, and sits on the Scottish Advisory Board of the NFU Mutual.

“Adopting rotational grazing practices has had such a positive impact on our business. We now grow much more grass and utilise it much better. Ultimately that is what drives profitability for us.

I believe that others could also gain from trying to make more from grazed grass and I am happy to share what I have learned from my experience of the system.”



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