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Dear Mr Brace

I have now had the following response from my client. Added in to this is obviously the slurry store at Caldicott Farm. I hope this will provide sufficient information for you to be able to determine the application.

The Business since this application was handed in has grown from 360 to 520 cows with a further 250 replacement heifers. The herd had hit the 550 point last October but due to a nasty TB outbreak has come back down to 520.

“Investment into a new bulk tank and mixer wagon pressurised water system to feed the entire farm, an LED lighting system along with a ventilation system have been made during this period. This has had the benefit of providing the basic essentials for managing a large herd in an efficient high welfare manor.

The use of Cogent precision AI service for over a year now has seen conception rates improve. Cows getting in calf quicker and a fresher herd that has helped increase yield with the average lactation now at 11500 litres per cow.

Financial performance has been hit hard due to the TB outbreak which lost 30 cows and potential milk sales. Calf sales have halved due to lack of demand and high supply and low demand due to their not being enough AFU units in the country. The last Tb test in February saw only 1 reactor and the rest of all the animals showing no signs and so there is a positive attitude for a clear test in April. The purchase of a large vacuum tanker in December has meant slurry movements are now being done in house so contracting cost will now for the forth coming quarterly invoice be dropping sharply. Now that the business has got to a point where it has reached peak cow numbers a period of consolidation is now required to reverse manage and drop cost of production. “

Kind Regards

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