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SECRETARY - RACHEL FOX

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Distribution List: All Milk Recording Secretaries

Dear Milk Recording Secretary

MILK RECORDING ISSUES

At the most recent meeting of the BGS Committee, various issues relating to Milk Recording were discussed.

It was agreed I write to all MR secretaries to advise about decisions taken regarding check weighs etc.

It was agreed that with immediate effect, check weighing will be accepted at one show per year per member subject to all animals being milk recorded by the milk recording member being present at the show. Prior notification should be given to the goat steward and the individual identification of all animals should be checked at both milkings. The goat steward will then be required to sign off the check weighs.

It would be helpful if a reminder is given to all milk recording members that there is a requirement to undertake 3 check weighs in a calendar year – going forwards, this is something which will be very closely monitored for compliance. Failure to comply will result in figures not being verified/published. Please contact the office if you foresee difficulty in arranging 3 checks for any of your recording members.

In addition to above, agreement was reached to undertake un-announced spot checks, therefore your assistance will be required to provide the office with normal milk recording dates/times for all your milk recording members. You will be contacted in due course for this information.

There have been a number of "unusual results" recorded and it would therefore be greatly appreciated if any 'unusual' results received from the laboratory, e.g. very high/low butterfats or proteins, could be queried with laboratory staff immediately and then notification of any queries (including replies) forwarded to the office without delay.

In an effort to ensure all those members milk recording are kept informed, it would be appreciated if you could relay the above information to all those that milk record with you. There will be an article published in the Monthly Journal article covering all the points above to ensure the entire membership is aware of what has been agreed.

Yours sincerely

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