 

**‘Feed to Yield’ - Farmer application form**

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| **Farmer details** |
| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| County |  | Postcode: |  |
| Home phone No. |  |
| Mobile No. |  |
| Email Address |  |

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| **Herd Information** |
| Number of cows in milking herd |  |
| Main breed of cow in herd |  |
| Average annual milk yield per cow (litres) |  |
| Milking parlour type (robotic or ‘conventional’) |  |
| Annual concentrate feed level (tonnes/cow) |  |
| Calving pattern (Autumn, Spring, Autumn through to Spring, Year-round) |  |
| Approximate number of cows calving in each of these months  | August 18 ................September 18 ........................October 18 ............................November 18 ........................December 18 .........................January 19 ..............................February 19 ............................ |

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| Are cows that calve in September housed full-time after calving (i.e. no further access to grazing) |  |
| How are forages offered to cows following housing i.e. self-feed, easy-feed, mixer wagon? |  |
| How are concentrates offered to housed cows i.e. in-parlour feeders, out-of parlour feeders, mixer wagon (might be two of these)? |  |
| Which system do you use to offer concentrates **‘feed-to-yield’** i.e. in-parlour feeders, out-of-parlour feeders? |  |
| Is you feeding system linked to your milking parlour software (i.e. are concentrate levels adjusted automatically)?  |  |
| If concentrate levels are not adjusted automatically, please explain how the calculation/adjustment is made? |  |
| What date do you normally start to graze in the spring? |  |
| Do you offer concentrates on a ‘feed-to-yield’ basis during the grazing season? |  |
| Do you keep part/all of the herd indoors during the summer? |  |
| Do you milk record monthly?  |  |
| If not milk recording monthly, how frequently do you milk record? |  |
| Which organisation do you milk record with? |  |
| Does your parlour record and store milk yields automatically at ever milking?  |  |
| Do you record cow fertility information? If the answer is yes, how do you record the information e.g. computer software package, book, wall chart etc. |  |
| Do you record cow health information? If the answer is yes, how do you record the information e.g. computer software package, book, files etc. |  |
| Is your herd pedigree registered?  |  |
| If your herd is not pedigree registered would you be able to provide sire and maternal grandsire information for all cows?  |  |
| Approximately what % of your herd is sired by a stock bull? |  |
| Are you currently in a Business Development Group?  |  |
| Do you currently benchmark with CAFRE?  |  |