

Experiences of on farm homeopathy use and HAWL

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Homeopathy use at Abbey Home Farm

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Abbey Home Farm Cirencester

650ha comprising the following organic enterprises:

- Dairy - 40 cows, principally Dairy Shorthorns, and their youngstock, 55,000 litres processed on farm, the balance is sold to OMSCo.
- Beef - 35 cows, comprising a commercial herd of South Devon cattle and a small pedigree herd of Gloucesters, both herds crossed with an Aberdeen Angus bull.
- Sheep - closed flock of 600 Lleyn ewes, producing lamb and breeding replacements.
- Cereals – 275-300ha – milling and feed wheat, milling oats, malting barley and spelt wheat.
- Vegetable Production - 13ha.
- Pigs – 8 Cross bred sows, 1 Duroc x Pietrain boar & their progeny
- Poultry - egg production (350 hens) and meat birds (4 flocks of 225 birds)
- Grassland – clover leys, species rich grassland, herbal mixes
- On Farm Processing – dairy, poultry and butchery
- The Organic Farm Shop
- Education, campsite and farm stays

Early days

- Conversion to organic started in earnest in 1992
- Understanding and sharing the philosophy
- Books and courses
- Cures and prevention
- Frustration

Chris Lees & HAWL

- Chris studying at RAC
- A “homeopathic toolbox”
- Improving use and confidence – positive health
- Training – HAWL
- Empower the stock people
 - People working with and caring for stock are good at observing and noticing differences in their stock

Current Practices

- Homeopathy is used across all categories of stock, both remedies and nosodes
- Sheep – remedies and nosodes, all year round
 - Handling, lambing, weaning, foot care, fly control, orf
- Poultry – helping to stay on top of coccidiosis
- Pigs – injuries and weaning
- Cattle – wide range of remedies and nosodes

Conclusions

- Use homeopathy alongside conventional treatments
- Gaining the confidence to use the remedies is key
- Record use and results - both good and bad
- Have at least some remedies easily available
- Sign up for a HAWL course



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