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Professor Kennedy, AFBI CEO, with the EAAP organizing committee at the launch

European Animal Science Conference is Belfast Bound

A prestigious European Conference on Animal Science, to be staged in Belfast in 2016, will showcase the local livestock industry and feature Northern Ireland's strong expertise in animal science...[read more](#)



Dr Mayne with HRH Princess Anne and Professor David Leaver in Buckingham Palace following the presentation

AFBI Director Receives Prestigious Award

Dr Sinclair Mayne of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) has been awarded the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers' Princess Royal Award for outstanding services to the UK dairy industry...[read more](#)



Mr. Colm McKenna speaking at the launch of the EAAP conference at Balmoral Show

New AFBI Chairman appointed

Mr Colm McKenna, has recently been appointed as the new Chair of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) by the Agriculture and Rural Development Minister, Michelle O'Neill MLA....[read more](#)



Professor Margaret Patterson who has been awarded an OBE in the Birthday Honours list for services to the agri-food industry

Prof Patterson honored with OBE

Our congratulations go to Professor Margaret Patterson who was awarded an OBE in the Birthday Honours list for services to the agri-food industry.

Professor Patterson has worked as a food microbiologist in AFBI for over 30 years where she has gained an international reputation as an expert in novel processing technologies for enhancing food safety and quality. She is an author of more than 60 scientific papers and has made numerous scientific presentations in many countries.

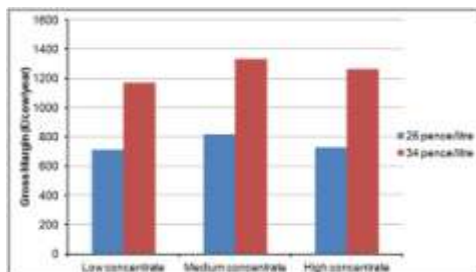
Margaret is the third AFBI scientist to be honoured with an OBE this year...[read more](#)



Glass eels introduced into Hillsborough Lake

Eels released back to the Lagan

AFBI scientists have released juvenile wild eels into Hillsborough Lake and the wider Lagan catchment recently in an attempt to enhance the numbers of this species in the River Lagan system. This experimental stocking exercise was carried out using glass eels (young eels) sourced from the River Severn and paid for by the Lough Neagh Fisherman's Co-operative Society Ltd, owners of the largest wild eel fishery in Europe...[read more](#)



Effect of concentrate feed level on Gross Margin per cow at a milk price of either 26 or 34 pence per litre, and a concentrate cost of £250 per tonne.

Concentrate inputs for spring calving milk production systems compared in AFBI 3-year study.

Controlling milk production costs is essential to ensure the long term competitiveness of our dairy industry. With this in mind, the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) at Hillsborough have recently completed a three-year study which examined the performance of spring calving dairy cows managed on different levels of concentrate feeding. Key outcomes of this study, which was co-funded by DARD and AgriSearch...[find out more](#)



Dairy cows grazing at AFBI Hillsborough

AFBI research aims to maximise milk from grass

A recent study at carried out at AFBI Hillsborough examined the impact of altering the yield of milk assumed to be sustained by grazed grass on dairy-cow performance during the grazing season...[find out more](#)



Did you know?

AFBI has a wide portfolio of United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS Testing No.1279) approved tests for microbiology quality indices and pathogenic bacteria, including toxins in food and water.

In addition, expert interpretation of results within the context of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) and other Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) schemes are available. Molecular analyses e.g. polymerase chain reaction assays and genotyping can also be called upon, if necessary, to resolve industrial problems. Short and long term investigations can be carried out...[find out more](#)



AFBI Dairy Conference speaker presentations are now available to view on the AFBI You Tube Channel.

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