

Welcome to the One Year Anniversary issue of AFBI News & Views, we hope you are continuing to enjoy reading about our activities and look forward to your continued support over the next 12 months.

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# News & Views

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## AFBI Bacteriologist Dr Adrian Allen receives a prestigious Fulbright Award to the UK

Bacteriologist, Dr Adrian Allen from the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) has received a Northern Ireland Public Sector Fulbright Award to enable him to undertake research at the University of New Hampshire on one of the most prestigious and selective scholarship programmes operating worldwide .....

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Dr Adrian Allen Of AFBI who has received a Northern Ireland Public Sector Fulbright Award



## Industry must control P Inputs warns AFBI Expert

Dr John Bailey, one of AFBI's experts in farm nutrient management and associated environmental issues, has alerted industry stakeholders of an impending threat to the dairy industry in Northern Ireland ...

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Dr John Bailey presenting at the Dairy Technical Seminar at AFBI Hillsborough



## Focus on Forage – Key Message from AFBI Dairy Research Seminar

The need for a renewed focus on maximizing milk from quality forages was the overriding message at the recent Dairy Research seminar at the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) at Hillsborough

Over 100 representatives from the local dairy sector attended the event, organised by AFBI Hillsborough... [Full story here](#)

Dr Steven Morrison (AFBI) one of the speakers at the Dairy Research Seminar



## AFBI Raising Grass Seed Yields

Representatives from the British Association of Seed Producers recently visited the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) Forage Grass Breeding Programme at Loughgall to examine the novel techniques AFBI scientists are utilizing to produce varieties with high seed yield ... [Full story here](#)

Farmers should use the Recommended List as an aid to selection of the most suitable forage grass varieties when reseeding



Postgraduate students with Professor Seamus Kennedy (AFBI CEO, pictured left) and Dr Sinclair Mayne, Director of Sustainable Agri-Food Sciences Division (AFBI, pictured right)

### AFBI students present cutting edge of research

The annual Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) postgraduate symposium was held recently at AFBI Hillsborough, with over 70 participants, including full and part-time students and their supervisors.

This very successful event was organised primarily by the students themselves, under the chairmanship of Rory Lunny, and allowed everyone to meet collectively to share their research and experiences of post-graduate life

... [Full story here](#)



Dr Sinclair Mayne congratulates Dr Yan on securing AFBI involvement in an important global research project

### AFBI Researchers Secure Key Role in International Dairy Cow Feed Efficiency Project

A research consortium including the University of Alberta, Canada, the University of Liege, Belgium and the Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI), Northern Ireland has been successful in securing funding for a research project to investigate feed efficiency in dairy cattle .....

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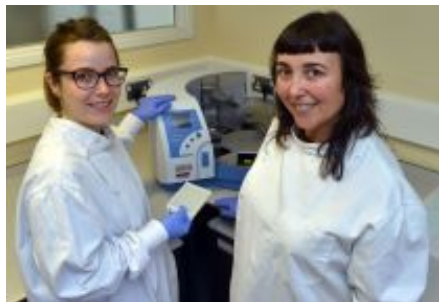


A recent visit by the International Energy Agency (IEA) to AFBI Hillsborough included a visit to AFBI's anaerobic digester

### AFBI hosts International Energy Agency at Hillsborough

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) recently hosted the Executive Committee of the International Energy Agency (IEA) Bioenergy at AFBI Hillsborough .....

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Spanish Erasmus student, Ainhoa Valldecabres with Maria Guelbenzu, Head of Disease Surveillance and Investigation Branch at AFBI

### AFBI hosts Erasmus student

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) has hosted a visit by Erasmus+ student, Ainhoa Valldecabres, a recently graduated veterinary surgeon from Spain.

Ainhoa has been based in the Disease Surveillance and Investigation Branch of AFBI's Veterinary Sciences Division for two months obtaining training on AFBI's Cattle Health Scheme, a voluntary scheme for farmers set up to help tackle four of the most economically damaging endemic diseases of cattle here ... [Full story here](#)

### AFBI Research Provides New Tools to Predict Grass Feeding Value

Grass-based dairy production is common in Northern Ireland because of the cool and moist climate which allows for long grazing seasons ... [Full story here](#)



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