

## AFBI - News & Views

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# News & Views

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John Archer pictured left and David Johnston (AFBI) with the group of Chinese Scientists on their recent visit to AFBI Loughgall

### Chinese Scientists visit AFBI Loughgall

David Johnston and John Archer recently welcomed a group of Chinese scientists to AFBI Loughgall .....

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Grass growth through the season was recorded and highlighted within the DARD and AgriSearch funded GrassCheck project

### GrassCheck 2014: Floods of autumn grass, then autumn floods!

Whilst most grazing livestock were enjoying plentiful supplies of high quality grass and near perfect grazing conditions in early October, a period of very wet weather during early November brought the grazing season on most farms to an abrupt end .....

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### **AFBI Lunch-time Seminar "Plant community structure of grassland field margins: an ecological basis for management in Northern Ireland"**

AFBI will be holding a series of lunchtime seminars at its Headquarters in Newforge Lane, Belfast .....

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The new AFBI/DARD Cereal Recommended List for 2015 is now available on the AFBI website

### **AFBI/DARD Cereal Recommended List for 2015 continues to ensure the right variety choices for Northern Ireland**

The new AFBI/DARD Cereal Recommended List for 2015 was launched at a recent Northern Ireland Seed Merchants' Meeting. This booklet is a comprehensive guide to cereal varieties best suited for use within Northern Ireland .....

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This study which was co-funded by DARD and AgriSearch, involved 96 cows

### **AFBI Research highlights need for caution in Concentrate Feed Rates this Winter**

As the milk-production potential of dairy cows in Northern Ireland has increased, concentrate feeding has also increased in an attempt to meet the greater energy requirements of these higher-yielding cows .....

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### **£2m funding announcement for Technology Inspired Feasibility Studies**

Innovate UK has launched a funding competition for feasibility studies with up to two million pounds funding available ...

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## Did you know?

### AFBI operates a Cattle Health Scheme

Scheme membership provides access to rapid, cost effective results and is backed by expert advice, helping you to improve cattle health and profitability. All AFBI veterinary staff have recognised expertise in the diagnosis and control of the diseases covered by the scheme .....

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