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ADF working well for Tasmanian farmers

The first ADF (Automatic Dipping and Flushing) system in Tasmania was commissioned on John and Vicki Lillico's farm near Smithton on the 7th of October 2010.

John has been farming since 1974 and he and Vicki have been on their current property, Hindlee Farm, since 1987. The farm consists of 560ha, of which 443ha is grazing land, and is a self contained unit with all animals kept at home. The Lillico's are milking around 600-700 cows year round, with milk yields averaging up to 9,500 litres pa.

As with all dairy farmers, controlling or reducing Mastitis in their herd is of primary importance and it is for that reason farmers like John and Vicki are installing the ADF System.

The ADF System is designed to dip the cow's teats immediately after milking, before the cups are removed, and then disinfect the liners before they go on the next cow. The award winning system is already used on more than 400 farms around the world, with 16 farms across Australia now using the system since it was launched here in July 2010.

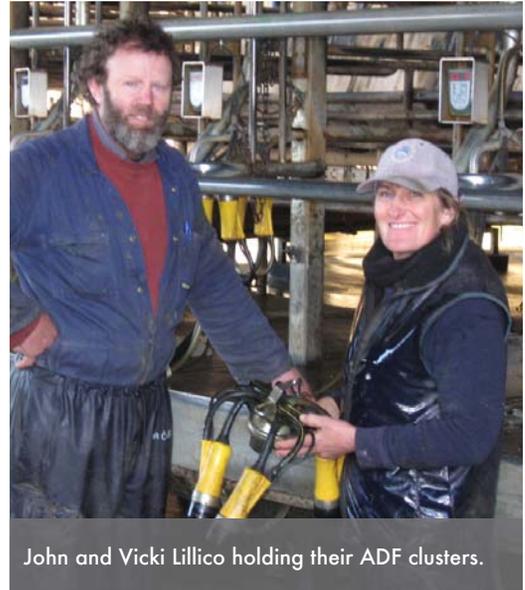
The latest 3 year report from Fonterra for the Lillico's farm indicates that the SCC has been tracking below last season's results, and that their farm runs at well below the average for SCC, when compared against other farms in the region.

Regarding the control of Mastitis, John can see a definite change. "ADF isn't a panacea for all things to do with Mastitis, you still need to monitor the cows" comments John. "However, it has definitely reduced our individual cases markedly. We don't work as hard keeping our levels under control and our spending on Mastitis control has reduced significantly."

John Lillico says even the cows like the system, especially the way that the cups gently slide off at the end of milking. He also comments that teat condition is very good.

The ADF system was installed by Ken Poke from Cape Country Rural in Smithton, Tasmania.

John and Vicki Lillico will be hosting an ADF Open Day at their farm on Wednesday 22nd June 2011. For more information, contact shelley@adfmilking.com or call 1800 233 283.



John and Vicki Lillico holding their ADF clusters.

ADF Milking moves to new office/warehouse in Cobram, VIC

May 2011 saw ADF Milking move into a new office/warehouse at 78 Broadway Street, Cobram, VIC. Call when you are in the area.

ADF Milking will be attending the following events:

Find out more about how the ADF system works at the following events:

ADF Open Day at the Lillico's farm:
Smithton, TAS - Wed 22nd June 2011

Dairy Research Foundation's 2011 Symposium:
Camden, NSW - 6th July 2011

ADF now running in WA and Gippsland

10 new ADF systems have been commissioned since the beginning of the year, and ADF is now well established in WA and the Gippsland region of Victoria, with several farms installed in each region. Contact Shelley or Adrian at ADF if you'd like to talk to the ADF dealers in these areas.

ADF wins top innovation award at 2011 dairy conference

The revolutionary, automated teat dipping and flushing system (ADF) has won the prestigious Dairy Innovators Award at this year's Australian Dairy Conference, held in Busselton, WA on the 22 and 23 February 2011.

The Award is presented each year to the company involved in cutting edge research and development, from both the academic and commercial sectors, who can showcase an idea, product or service that will genuinely make a difference to the way we dairy farm.

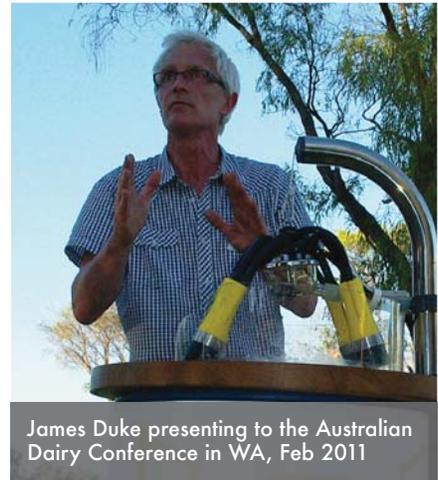
The Innovation Award process is unique in that everyone who attends the Dairy Conference is asked to contribute to the judging process. Six different products were shortlisted for the Awards, and each entrant presented to all 180 attendees, broken up into six groups of 30 people.

The judging is on two key criteria - for genuine innovation, and the for the technology most likely to be adopted by Australian dairy farmers. ADF Milking came top on both criteria, and the judges were

unanimous in their decision, and their praise for ADF.

James Duke, the founder of ADF Milking, made the trip over from the UK, and was delighted to come away with the Innovation Award. "ADF had recently won a similar award at the UK Dairy Event in September 2010, for the product of most economic significance to the livestock industry," commented James, "and it's great to see Australian dairy farmers embracing this new technology with such enthusiasm. In true Aussie style I delivered my presentation to the assembled farmers outside, underneath a Peppermint Tree. It makes the award all the more memorable."

The first ADF Milking systems in WA were commissioned in April 2011, with several others in the pipeline.



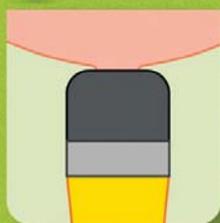
James Duke presenting to the Australian Dairy Conference in WA, Feb 2011

Peracetic Acid now used on ADF farms

Following trials earlier in the year, Peracetic Acid, the preferred sanitising agent used in the ADF flush cycle, has now been rolled out for use on most ADF installed farms.

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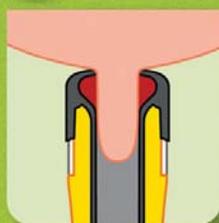
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End of milking - the process starts

At the end of milking as the vacuum is shut off, teat dip is injected into a manifold on the clawpiece.

2



Dip is applied to teats

Teat dip is applied to the teat as the teat cup is withdrawn by the ACR.

3



Teat dipped and protected

Within seconds of milking being completed, teats are coated with dip.

4



Cleaning process commences

After removal every liner is disinfected and thoroughly rinsed.

5



Cluster ready for next cow

Teat cups are clean and ready for the next cow.

All in 20 seconds!

Find out more If you want to know more about the ADF Milking system call 1800 233 283

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