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EU Aid Funding for Dairy Farmers a Success.

The Scottish Dairy Cattle Association is delighted to announce that the EU aid funding for dairy farmers, who had received low milk returns in recent years, to encourage them to milk record to improve their efficiency and profit has been a great success. The two main milk recording companies CIS and NMR have between them signed up a further 168 farms in Scotland. This means that 93.4% of milking cows are recorded which is the highest on record.

Speaking on behalf of the SDCA Jack Lawson said 'This is a great result for the industry and while we are aware that not all will continue to milk record once the EU funding finishes some of the new herds are already stepping up their game by recording more frequently when they realise the immediate benefits such as identifying high cell count cows or cows producing low quality milk, both of which lower milk income. There are so many other benefits which await them such as disease or pregnancy testing via the milk sample.

Major milk buyers have also welcomed the move and most are now insisting herds are milk recorded. This supplies them with a better quality product for which they are happy to pay more to the farmer.

The field staff of both recording companies deserve the highest praise as taking on all the individual cow details for 168 farms is a huge amount of work but it is great for the future of our industry.'

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