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SOLVING HIGH BULK MILK SOMATIC CELL COUNT PROBLEMS ON A DAIRY FARM ... OH YES WE CAN!

Together with colleagues from Canada and Scotland members of the *M-team* have recently published a [scientific review paper](#) on the herd level approach to high bulk milk somatic cell count problems. In this *M-news*, we summarize the ingredients of a successful approach.



HIGH BULK MILK SOMATIC CELL COUNT PROBLEMS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY APPROACHED ON EACH AND EVERY DAIRY FARM PROVIDED THAT ...:

1. ... the dairy farmer/manager:
 - ✓ recognizes the problem,
 - ✓ is motivated to solve it,
 - ✓ and is willing to be guided by his herd health veterinarian and other advisors;
2. ... 4 to 6-weekly individual cow somatic cell count data are available, as well as clinical mastitis records – based on these data:
 - ✓ the problem can be pictured and unravelled,
 - ✓ problem cows can be identified,
 - ✓ a(n) (economically) justified decision can be taken per individual problem cow;
3. ... realistic targets are set and combined efforts are made to achieve the goals;
4. ... a herd specific mastitis prevention and control program is formulated in consultation with the farmer/manager that he can implement in his daily routine;
5. ... the effect of the management changes is monitored and periodically reviewed;
6. ... the udder health management is further adjusted when needed.

What are you waiting for? Start lowering the bulk milk somatic cell count on your farm with the help of your herd health veterinarian by implementation of the [National Mastitis Council recommended mastitis control plan](#).

M-team, altijd paraat als het om uw melk gaat!

