

Sexed Semen – a management tool for the future of Dairy Farming

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The global growth in demand for sexed semen has continued to accelerate as worldwide demand and prices for heifers increases dramatically, nowhere is that more evident than in the UK dairy sector.

The main reasons for farmers using more sexed semen remain unchanged:

- Less unwanted bull calves.
- Easier calving.
- 90% heifer calves
- Closed herd / bio-security
- Economics & profitability.

In the milk producers marketplace all the above take on a very strong and compelling reason to move AI protocols to sexed semen, with usage and increased heifer production leaving farmers with 3 basic management options:

- Grow the herd with home bred replacements
- Sell surplus heifers in the marketplace.
- Cull harder to enhance health status and production.

Sexed semen is now accepted as a robust working product with excellent conception rates on maiden heifers, but it is very important to adhere to the usage and insemination protocols to achieve the best results.

Cogent Breeding were the first company in the world to hold a commercial licence for the production and sales of bovine sexed semen and continued product development has maintained their position of world leaders in this field.

Unlike some other AI companies where the range of available sexed semen bulls is quite limited, Cogent have over 50% of their available bulls sexed, providing a strong choice of genetic traits. Breeds currently available sexed include, Holstein, Red Holstein, British Friesian, Jersey, & Brown Swiss, with other crossing breeds soon to become available.