Lydney Park OAD

Where we farm

Brief History

- 1997 Green field site
- 350 Pedigree Holsteins
- Fully housed
- Milked 3 times a day
- 2007 changed to grazing based system
- 2013 OAD

Reason for OAD

- Milking cows most profitable enterprise
- 299 Ha of land available to milk on
- 32 point rotary
- Trustees no appetite for more capital expenditure

Details 2019

- 1000 milked OAD
- Jersey cross
- Stocking rate 2.5 livestock units per Ha overall
- Or 1250kg livewieght per Ha.
- Milking platform 299 Ha flat flood plain, heavy river silts
- 3.3 Cows per Ha on platform

Breeding

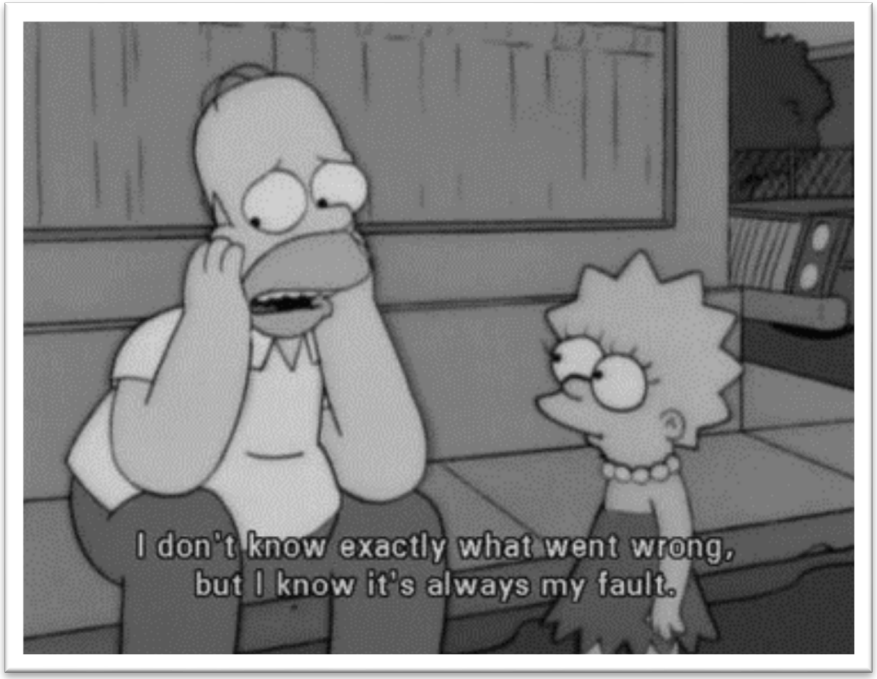
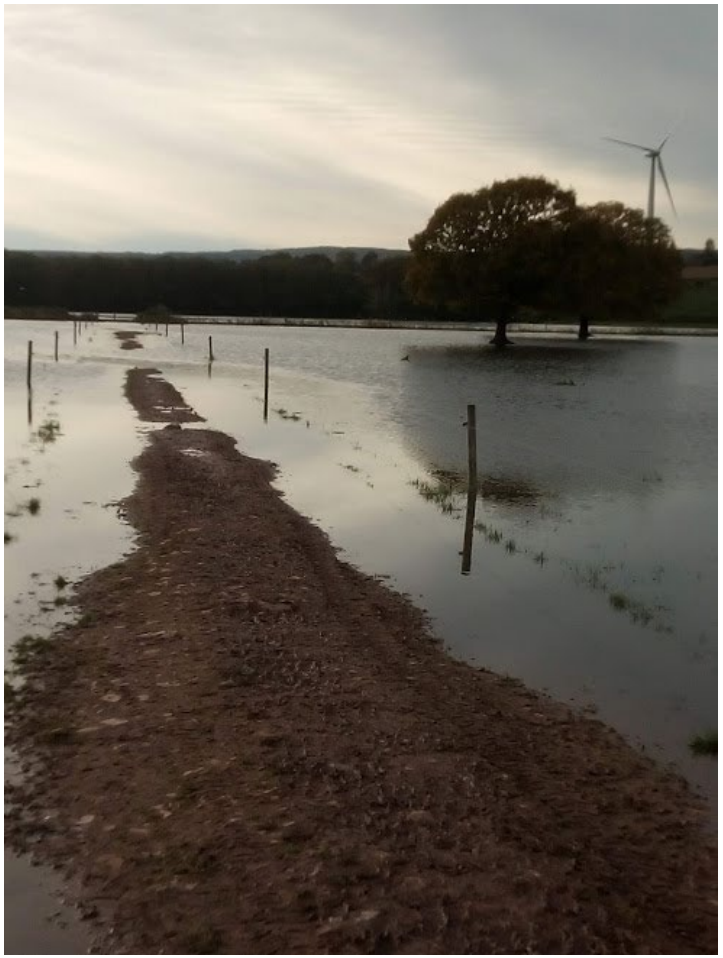
- High index bulls
- SCI (UK Spring calving index)
- EBI
- BW
- Used cross bred bulls
- Now only purebred
- 500kg target

Labour

- 10 full time labour units, one unit per 150 head
- 6 full time
- 7 part time
- Local
- Attitude not experience
- Make ourselves attractive
- Fun
- Very flexible

Communication

- Training
- Profile
- Protocols
- Meetings
- Team input encouraged
- Appraisals
- Measure, monitor and revisit protocols.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