

# inTouch works together with our customers on improving animal health with the right mix.

LJ Ryan operates a 100 cow dairy farm near Dundrum Co. Tipperary and has a stocking rate of 2.6 cows to the hectare. Operating a seasonal calving herd, LJ's focus is maximising grazed grass intakes in the herd. In 2007, LJ Ryan purchased a Keenan klassik 140 diet feeder. In spring 2010, after attending a PACE event, LJ decided to upgrade to the PACE Connect technology. It is now key to his system allowing him to accurately buffer feed when there is a shortfall in grass, helping to maintain production levels.

## Animal Health

"In the time working with PACE technology and the Mech-fiber® mix I've seen massive improvements in the health of my cows. I don't have any more problems with calving; there is less handling of cows and I have eliminated retained afterbirths." LJ commented.

## InTouch Nutritional Support

LJ's PACE Connect box and diet feeder are connected remotely with our inTouch team of nutritional specialists. The team monitors incoming data and discusses sudden changes with LJ to ensure maximised production at low cost. The PACE Connect allows LJ and us to see what is being fed to the animal's every day and together we decide on appropriate nutritional advice. LJ is successfully managing his feed and reducing his waste. "Working with the team in 2012 which was a difficult season all-round,

the cows averaged 6,500 litres from 768kgs of concentrate and there was 462kg of milk solids produced. Concentrate levels were higher than normal, but was definitely due to the adverse year".

## Back-up Support

Varying weather conditions over the last few years have meant that LJ has to plan ahead in order to keep his cows in good condition and maintain production. 'If I am tight on grass I can plan with a nutritionist how I am going to buffer-feed my cows.' Intouch complements the grass feeding system that LJ currently operates and supports him through difficult periods with advice on maintaining his herd's production. This has given LJ the confidence to be able to look to expand his production further once milk quota is abolished, knowing this can be achieved on this system with minimal feed, concentrates and cost increases while maximising grass.

**"I don't know how I would survive without either the feeder or PACE now. The inTouch nutritionist provides me with regular advice and I can easily adjust my feeding to suit grass supply and the cow's requirements. I don't need a calculator to do this as the information is already on my PACE box when I get there in the morning. It's all done for me."**



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