



# Does big mean bad?

The science behind large-scale livestock production

Roslin Institute, Edinburgh  
Thursday 23 and Friday 24 May 2013



**Large-scale livestock production divides opinion and emotions, but what is really known about the possible impact of large units on health, welfare and food security?**

This BSAS conference will look at the scientific evidence and identify where further research is needed to assess the advantages and disadvantages of large-scale systems.

Drawing on experience and views from the UK and other countries where large units are already operating, it will look at welfare, system design and environmental management, as well as where technology can help develop successful livestock systems.

The main focus will be on pig, poultry and dairy systems, with case studies of current enterprises and a look ahead to what is next for research and the livestock sector.

## Subjects include:

- animal health and welfare
- facility and system design
- environmental management and compliance

## Key presentations:

- The challenge of sustainability in large-scale livestock production
- Managing welfare and compliance in large-scale broiler poultry production
- Behavioural studies in intensive pig and dairy systems
- Antimicrobial resistance - managing the risks
- Herd health planning and management at scale
- Anaerobic Digestion – opportunities and challenges Embracing technology
- A sustainable dairy story on a large dairy focused on the environment, community, animal welfare and profit



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- **David Alvis**, Winstone Ag
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- **Prof. Alastair Lawrence**, SRUC
- **Dr Jenny Gibbons**, DairyCo
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- **Robert Davies**, Ludchurch Farms Ltd:
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- **Dr Kenn Buelow**, Holsum Dairies LLC, Wisconsin, USA
- **Elwyn Griffiths**, Oakland Farm Eggs
- **David Speller**, Applied Poultry
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### To submit a paper:

Email 300 word summaries to [bsas@bsas.org.uk](mailto:bsas@bsas.org.uk) by **31 March**. The organisers will select the best posters to be delivered as short, five-minute presentations based on their abstracts.

### Tickets

Tickets available to buy via the BSAS website or by calling BSAS on **0131 650 8784**

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### Venue and accommodation:

Edinburgh University's prestigious Roslin Institute is just south of Edinburgh City Centre. Free parking is available, alternatively it is a short bus or taxi ride from Edinburgh train station or airport (bus 15A from city centre/train station, 18 minutes in a taxi from the airport).

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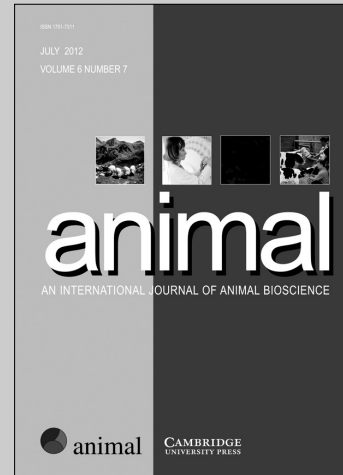
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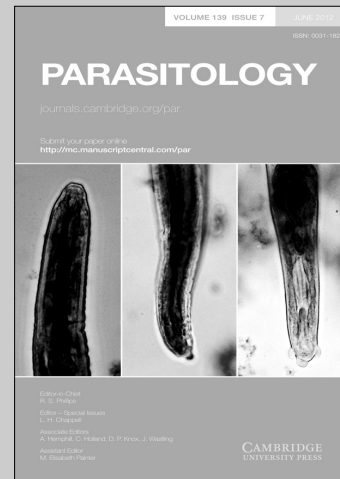
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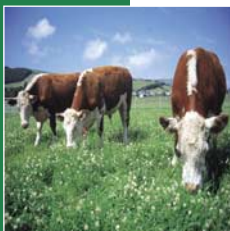
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