

Abstract by Joe O'Flaherty - Animal information systems that give rise to increased dairy farm profitability by improving herd and animal health

Animal Health Ireland (AHI) was established in 2009 as an industry-led, not-for-profit partnership between livestock farmers, processors, service providers and government, with the goal of improving the profitability, sustainability and competitiveness of livestock farmers and related industries through superior animal health. Its remit includes diseases and conditions of livestock which are endemic in Ireland, but which are not currently subject to regulation and coordinated programmes of control. Funding for the organisation (~€1m per annum) is provided on a 50:50 basis by government and a number (32) of non-governmental stakeholders.