

# SKILLS & MENTORING DASHBOARD

## April – July 2019

### RAG Status

■ Red: Behind with target ■ Amber: Nearly achieved target ■ Green: Target on track

### Training

The breakdown per training category is as follows:

Category	Number of completed instances of training
Category 1 – Business Improvement	86
Category 2 – Technical	118
Category 3 – Machinery & Equipment Use	69
TOTAL	273

During this period, **619** funding applications were received. Of these, 27 were cancelled and 28 rejected, 3 of these were rejected as the applicant hadn't completed the online Health and Safety e-learning course (which is mandatory for people wishing to apply for a Category 3 Machinery and Equipment course).

The most popular courses applied for during this window were:

**Category 1:**

- Business Planning and Development
- Marketing your Business

**Category 2:**

- DIY AI

**Category 3:**

- Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck
- Sit-Astride ATV's including loads and trailed equipment

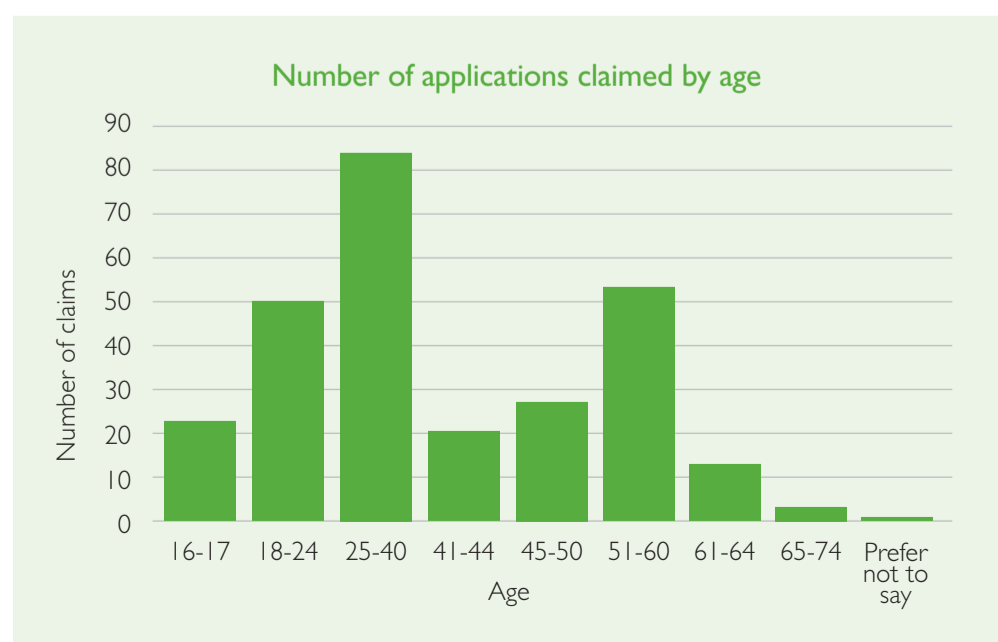
### E-learning

During this period **408** courses were completed, 168 of which were for Health & Safety. Outside of this, popular courses included:

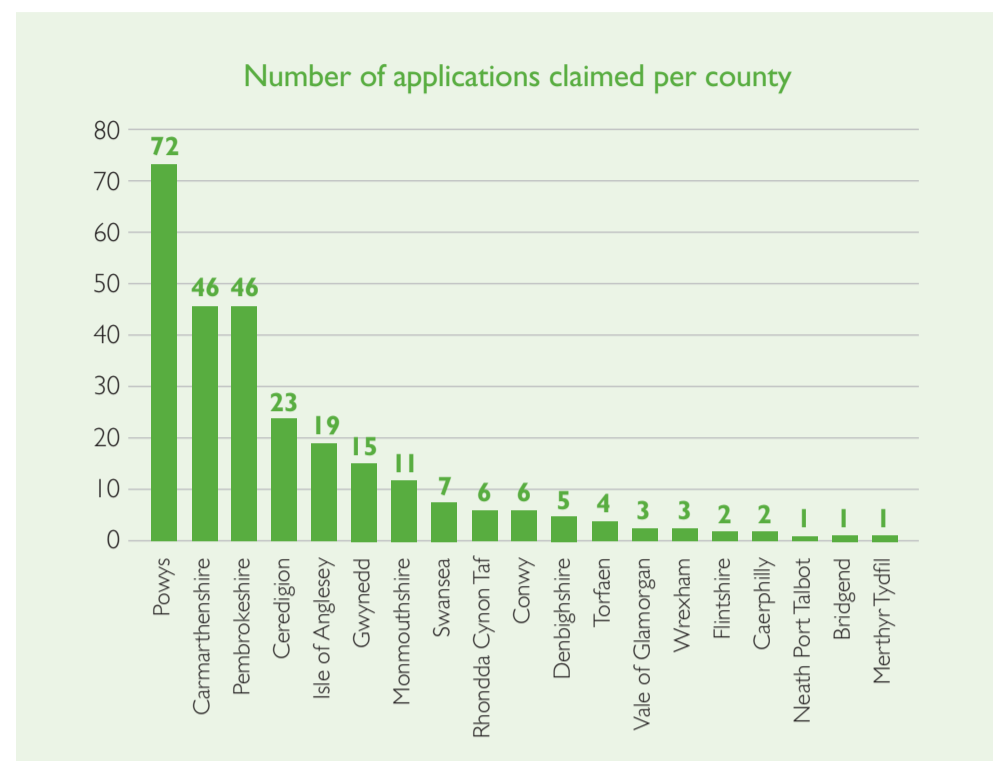
Course Title	Number of Courses Completed
Grazing Systems	12
Sheep Lameness	13
Grazing Management	12
Soil Structure	11

### Training Statistics

The breakdown provided in the chart below shows the number of training applications claimed by clients per age range.



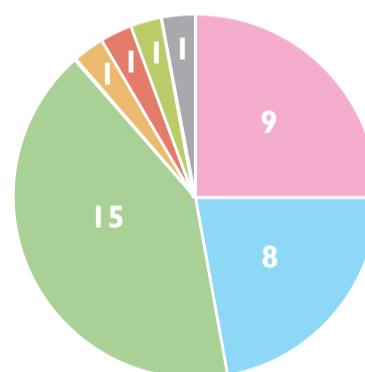
The breakdown provided in the chart below shows the number of training applications claimed by clients per county.



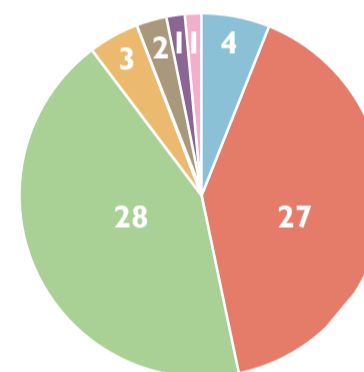
### Agri Academy

36 members selected for Class of 2019.

#### Age Demographics



#### Sector



A reception was held at the Royal Welsh Show to announce the Class of 2019. Click [here](#) to read about this year's members.

### Agrisgôp

62 ACTIVE GROUPS with 531 MEMBERS attending a total of 104 MEETINGS

Topics discussed:

ATTRACTING SPONSORSHIP TO AGRICULTURAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

INSPIRING LEADERSHIP SKILLS

SHARE FARMING AGREEMENT IN PRACTICE

FARMERS FOR EDUCATION

HONEY MARKETING AND COMMERCIAL BEEKEEPING

SHEEPDOG TRAINING



### Case Study

#### Farmers open farms to schools to inform food choices of next generation

Farmers who are concerned that anti-farming messages promoted by campaign groups are influencing their next generation of customers are responding pro-actively by inviting schools to their farms.

Farming Connect's Agrisgôp initiative has brought together 12 farmers from north-east Wales with an interest in educating children and the wider public about where their food comes from. They formed the Farm and Countryside Education Group earlier this year and, under the guidance of Agrisgôp leader Gwen Davies, they have made significant progress.

Members got involved in Open Farm Sunday and have also invited schools onto their farms.



Click [here](#) to read the full story.

### PDP

Throughout the duration of the programme a total of

**4729**

CLIENTS HAVE COMPLETED A PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

During this period a total of

**350**

NEW PDP'S WERE CREATED



### Management Exchange

#### Alec Cowan's Management Exchange, May 2019

Topic: Robotic Milking Herds  
Country: The Netherlands



During May, Alec Cowan travelled to the Netherlands to complete his exchange. His aim was to gain insight into the robotic milking of dairy cows, from a practical point of view, with particular focus on the reduction of antibiotic use. He chose to visit the Netherlands as 25% of dairy farms there use robots to milk, compared with 2-3% in the UK.

Alec visited 4 farms including a cheese producer. As well as gaining a better understanding of robotic milking, Alec gained valuable knowledge on herd health.

Click [here](#) to read Alec's report.

### Mentoring



The most popular mentoring topics applied for during this period were:



### New Mentors Appointed



**Barbara Hughes** – Diversification, PYO Pumpkins & Dairy



**David Brooke** – Dairy & New entrants



**Gary Rees** – Diversification, Horticulture & Adding value



**Gethin Jones** – Health & Safety



**James Powell** – Grassland management, Calf rearing & Personal development



**Jim Bowen** – Care farming, Diversification & Community regeneration



**Llyr Jones** – Health & Safety



**Matt Swarbrick** – Diversification, Micro dairy, Permaculture, Holistic management & Tourism



**Phil Morgan** – Woodland management, Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) & New planting



**Rhidian Glyn** – Rotational grazing, Contract heifer rearing, New entrants & Farm business planning

**Cheryl Davies** – Health & Safety, Employee engagement & Business planning

**Robert Jones** – Calf rearing

