Where are you on the 12 Steps to reduce Gaseous **Emissions** on YOUR FARM?



12. Incorporate clover

11. Finish cattle earlier



10. Reduce age at first calving

9. Increase milk solids/cow



8. Improve dairy herd quality

7. Improve animal health

6. Better grassland management



5. Reduce chemical N by 10kg/ha





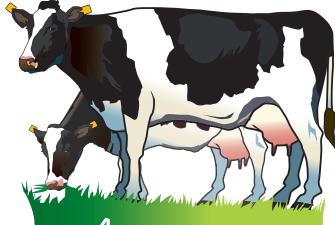
3. Build or maintain soil fertility



2. Apply lime

1. Use protected urea





Action needed

Incorporating 5 kg/ha (2 kg/ac) will replace up to 100 kg/ha (80 units/ac) of chemical N/year

Use Dairy Beef Index (DBI) to produce earlier finishing cattle

Calf heifers at 22 to 26 months and aim for 20% replacement rate

Milk record, cull poor cows and aim

Use high EBI bulls and increase herd EBI by >€10/year. Use sexed semen to accelerate genetic gain

Create a herd health plan

Weekly farm walk, measure grass and extend grazing season

Apply lime, incorporate clover and make best use of slurry / FYM

Apply slurry in spring / early summer using Low Emission Slurry in spring / early summer using Spreading Technology (LESS) Continue to use P & K fertilisers such as 18:6:12

Identify fields low in pH using soil analysis Apply protected urea instead of CAN/straight urea



