**Guide to choosing an appropriate dry cow treatment strategy**

Use the information here and consult your veterinarian for advice. If you are milk recording, proceed down this chart. If you are not milk recording, use blanket antibiotic Dry Cow Treatment.

If answers to all questions are ‘No’, then use selective Dry Cow Treatment

If the answer to any question is ‘Yes’, then ...

1. **Do you have less than 3 Individual Cow Cell Counts for each cow?**
   - No
   - Yes

2. **Do your milk cultures indicate the presence of *Strep ag*?**
   - No
   - Yes

3. **Do more than 30% of your cows have peak ICCCs above 250,000 cells/mL?**
   - No
   - Yes

4. **Did you have more than 5 clinical cases per 100 cows in the first month of lactation?**
   - No
   - Yes

5. **Do your milk cultures indicate significant numbers of *Strep uberis***?
   - No
   - Yes

6. **Did more than 5% of cows drip milk or have udder oedema (flag) that required intervention at their last calving?**
   - No
   - Yes

**Select cows for antibiotic Dry Cow Treatment**

* If using blanket antibiotic Dry Cow Treatment, treat all quarters of all cows.

** If using selective antibiotic Dry Cow Treatment, treat all quarters of cows that had clinical mastitis during the lactation and/or had an ICCC above 250,000 cells/mL during the lactation.

*** If using teat sealant, treat all quarters of cows that did not have clinical mastitis during the lactation and whose ICCC was always less than 250,000 cells/mL.