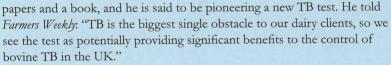
Top award for dairy farming veterinary adviser

ALASTAIR Hayton, of Synergy Farm Health in Dorset, won the 2015 Farm Adviser of the Year category in the *Farmers Weekly* Awards.

Mr Hayton, who is part of a team of 27 vets at Synergy, has over 200 dairy farming clients and is the UK's second largest farm vet business. Out of his personal roster of 13 clients, four are organic milk producers. His other work includes advising two supermarket chains, authoring a number of



Singing Mr Hayton's praises to the paper was dairy farmer Anthony Gothard, who has worked with him for nine years and describes him as "one of the top vets in the country". Mr Hayton helped Mr Gothard with



the decision to expand his operation following the Somerset floods in the winter of 2012-13, a move that proved beneficial. "We had the security of knowing we had an expert on board when we were expanding, and the wealth of his knowledge is unbelievable," Mr Gothard told Farmers Weekly.