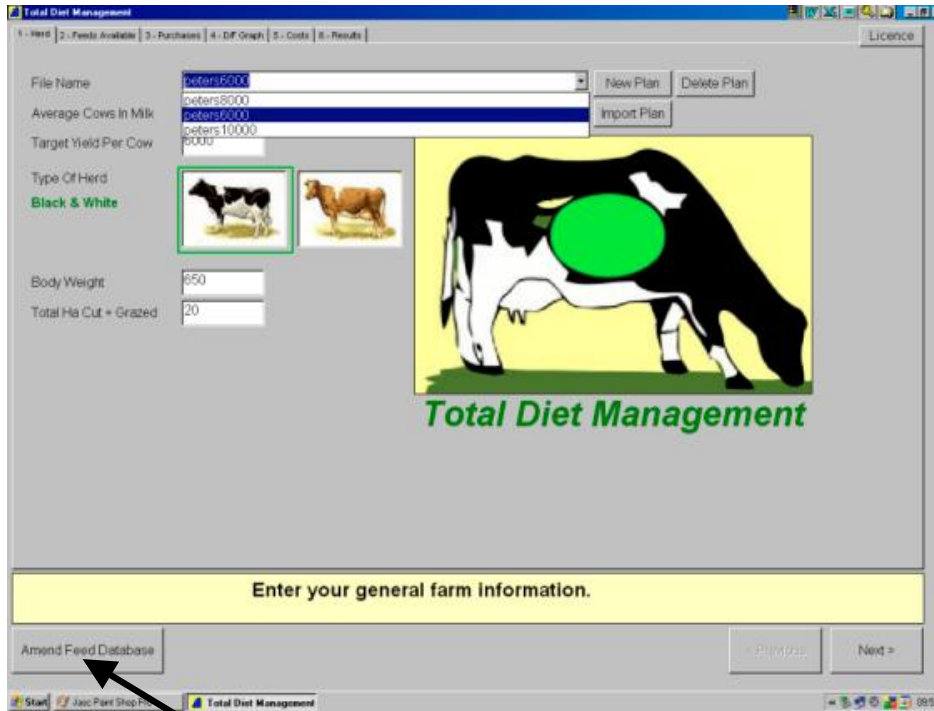


USER GUIDE -Getting Started:-



You may wish to try and practice on the sample files already installed - you can choose production levels of 6,000litres, 8,000litres, or 10,000litres - or you can delete these farm files, and start your own.

Before setting up your own herd, you can check the **feedlist**, and add your own feeds if they are not already listed. Standard "book" values for **D**ry **M**atter, **ME** (energy), **CP** (crude protein), and **CF** (crude fibre), are available on the CD or website(see Feedlist).

Don't forget to choose cow type - Black & white or Channel Island. Then fill in your other details - number of cows in group to be fed, Target milk yield per cow per year, approximate body weight of cows in your herd.

Now you can progress through the remaining five pages, either by clicking the tabs at the top of the page:- (or clicking **NEXT**, bttm rt)

- 2.-**Feeds available**(=grown on your farm - don't forget to enter tonnages)
- 3.-**Purchases** (=feeds available from your merchant or buying group),- these will appear in alphabetic order on the left, to choose for your list on the right.
4. - **D/F graph**;- this is to remind you of how TDM is different - focussing on the optimum balance between feeds for energy(PropionicVFA) and the precise need for rumen pH with feeds for AceticVFA and structured fibre.
- 5.**Costs**;- enter the price of purchased feeds, to see the impact of ration balance on margin, when even small adjustments are made in
- 6.**Results**; to set daily ration and tonnage, click on a slider and drag with mouse, or fine adjust with **LEFT & RIGHT** arrows on your keyboard.