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- Labour – Progressing new initiatives to attract, train and retain dairy specialist staff. Pilot dairy apprenticeship at draft stage with stakeholders.
- Dairy Supply Chain – Working with AHDB Dairy and other unions on futures, risk management, contracts, Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA), and pricing.
- Processors – Met Muller, Arla, First Milk and Lactalis to discuss producer collaboration (dairy producer organisations), co-op governance, ongoing milk prices and volume management. Progress on fixed and futures pricing and volume management.
- Brexit – AHDB and Scottish Government officials attending next Milk Committee. Working with other unions and Dairy UK.
- Education and Skills – ‘Skills for Farming’ group initiated and facilitated by NFU Scotland and SRUC now established and recognised as an important collaborative group focussed on education, skills, and careers for farming. In discussions with Skills Development Scotland (SDS) to progress it further.
- Education and skills – Progressing development of regional groups of farmers to establish closer links with education and skills, engaging with national and regional Development Young Workforce boards, on Agricultural Champions’ education and skills group, SDS Food and Drink group, and Scottish Qualifications Authority to represent primary sector. Policy to increase uptake of MAs in Scotland and progress ensuring courses and pathways in education are appropriate.