

## June 2012:

### Parasite forecast:

**Nematodirus:** Initially the incidence risk was forecasted to be low, but with the horrid April that we had the disease risk was very much increased. We have **seen some very high levels in lambs**, where other lambs in the group have died.

If you are worried then bring us **10 faecal samples from lambs**.

- Don't forget these can be **taken straight from the field**, but don't forget the wet ones and not just the maltesers!! I find a tea spoon works very well (but please don't offer us a coffee after!!)
- The best treatments for nematodirus are the white drenches and the levamisoles.

**Other worms in sheep:** The control procedures **will vary depending** on your farms and whether you had any safe pastures after lambing. If you did then these lambs should be ok, but if in doubt then bring us the poo samples.

**Lungworm in cattle:** The first cases of this disease **can occur in June**.

- Don't forget the use of **huskvac in your youngstock** as this will give them immunity for life.
- If you start to see any **coughing in your youngstock or adults** then contact us straight away as massive losses can occur with this disease. There are very effective wormers against this parasite but the effects of the disease can last for ages.

**Blowflystrike** in sheep becomes a problem from now on. See the table below for the different products available.

- **Please note that vetrazine is now off the market.**

Product	Blowfly strike. Prevention	Strike treatment	Headfly Protection	Ticks Protection	Lice	Meat withdrawal
Dysect	8-10 weeks	Yes	6 weeks	8-12 weeks	Treats	28 days
Clik	16 weeks	No	Nil	Nil	Nil	40 days
Crovect	6-8 weeks	Yes	4 weeks	Treats & controls	Treats	8 days
Clikazin	8 weeks	No	No	No	No	7 days

**Nuisance flies** in cattle start to rear their ugly head from now on. Not only are they a major irritation they also spread, **summer mastitis**, as well as these **horrible warts** which we see on heifers and **new forest eye**.

- Don't forget if you are treating your milking herd to also treat your heifers.

**Schmallenberg** is still very much an unknown quantity. The initial reports about the disease seem to be depressing in that it may not be the flash in the pan which we thought.

- It seems to be a very good disease at being transferred. Hopefully though if an animal is infected when it is not in calf / in lamb the losses are not too severe. Although different symptoms have been seen in different areas.

Again a **good fly control programme** will help reduce the spread of the disease and aid in the protection of your animals.

Product	Nuisance flies (control)	Mange (controls)	Lice	Meat withdrawal	Dose rate (ml/animal)
<b>Swish</b>	8 - 10 weeks	No	Protects 8 - 10 weeks	20 days	Varies with size
<b>Spot on</b>	1 month	No	Treats and controls	17 days	10 ml
<b>Dysect</b>	4 - 5 weeks	No	Treats and controls	28 days	10ml
<b>Flypor</b>	8 weeks	Yes	Treats and controls	3 days	Varies with size

### Dairy cell check:

Ave S.C.C	167	Average milk yield	8.4
Ave prot cows 0 -99 DIM	3.1	Ave conception rate	26%
Ave milk/cow/year	7.8	Ave protein	3.3%

#### **Attention all 35 holdings: I.e. English**

- The next **round of grants are out**.
- The maximum grant funding is £25,000 with a minimum of £2,500.
- 15 – 50% grant available.
- Must be claimed by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
- Contact us at the vets.

**Sheep:**  
Weigh scales.  
Turnover crates.  
Mobile handling systems.

**Cattle:**  
Upgrade crush.  
Handling systems. Cubicle refurb.  
Cow mattresses.  
Locking yokes.