

November 2013:

With this wet weather most of you have [housed](#) your cattle. One of the biggest problems is the fact that it is still very warm, with not that much air movement. This is the [ideal recipe for pneumonia](#). Please make sure that the [ventilation in your sheds is good](#), you are [minimizing mixing of age groups](#) as much as possible and that you are [letting the cattle settle down before de horning or castrating](#). Cattle love the outside so if possible allow them to [run out onto a yard](#). A very cost effective pneumonia reduction is to [clip down their backs](#). There are also very [effective vaccines](#) such as rispoval 4 / intranasal / Bovipast.

- Please don't forget [BVD](#) as this can lead to [very nasty pneumonia outbreaks](#) with big losses.

On the sheep side we are starting to see [scab yet again](#). As we know there are [a lot of treatments](#). I like the [O.P. dip](#) as it not only covers [scab but also does lice as well](#). It is not very nice to use with health implications to us.

- A sheep shower is [no good for scab](#). The mite lives in the ear and groin and the shower is no good at penetrating here. It only takes one mite to re infect the whole flock.

There are [various injections](#) but I would [always recommend cydectin LA](#), simply because it is the only product with any [significant persistence against scab](#). It covers [against scab for about 60 days](#), whereas dectomax is only 15 days. The scab mite can last off the ewe for 17 days!!! Cydectin LA does have a very long meat withdrawal.

With the grass still growing many die hards still have their cattle out.

- We are seeing a lot of [milk fevers / subclinical milk fevers](#).

Please make sure you are giving a [mag supplement](#) to them as this will reduce milk fevers. Don't forget to use [Bovicalc](#) at calving to also reduce the incidence.

Fluke is very much on everyones mind. I have enclosed a chart to show which products treat fluke and at what stage. Practically if you use at housing for best effect you need to [wait depending on the stage that the product kills](#). IE endofluke kills down to 2 week old flukes so wait 2 weeks after housing before treating.

Product	Meat withd	Milk withd
Combinex	56 days	N/A
Fasinex 240	52 days	48days
Endofluke	56 days	N/A
Tribex	56 days	N/A
Closamectin p/o	49 days	N/A
Trodax	60 days	N/A
Ivomec super	66 days	N/A
Zanil	28 days	72 hours
Endospec 10%	14 days	60 hours

How do you know if you have fluke?

Antibodies: We can test in milk or blood.

- These last for about 2 months post infection.

Abattoirs: They give you feed back about carcass condemnation. Use it!

Poo: Bring us some and we will look down the microscope to see if any eggs.

PM. If you have a sheep die suddenly we can cut it up.

How can I reduce fluke problems?

1. [Treat](#) accordingly using the [right product](#).
2. Don't under dose.
3. [Investigate](#) to see if you have a problem.
4. Try and [fence](#) off very wet areas (easy to say!)
5. Try to put in [water troughs](#) as opposed to using streams!!
6. [Talk](#) to the vets!!!!

Drug	Age of fluke in weeks													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Endospec 2 & 10% Zanil / Douvestome Ivomec super										50-70%		80-99%		
Trodax Closamectin							50-90%			91-99%				
Fasinex / endofluke Tribex		90-99%		99-100%										