

## September 2010:

We seem to be in the very fortunate position of having enough grass for our cattle and sheep with the rest of the country still struggling to get in the silage. With a bit of luck this will put us in a very good position for the winter when hopefully they will be crying out for milk and meat.

With this humid weather we are seeing **lots of fly related problems both in sheep and cattle.**

- ❖ For the sheep I would now recommend the use of **vetrazin** as the length of action is 10 weeks and the **meat withdrawal is only 3 days.**
- ❖ In the cattle we are seeing a lot of **new forest eye and summer mastitis.** Both of these are transmitted by flies so get protecting your cattle by using either **swish, flypor or spot on.**

For **new forest eye treatment** I would recommend using **orbenin eye ointment** along with an injection of **metacam.** If they are not responding then call us out for some **micotyl and injection into the eye.**

For **summer mastitis** I would recommend the use of **tylan** injection, **metacam** injection and **ubrolexin** which goes into the quarter.

Many of ewe will be buying in your **sheep replacements** in the next month or so. Please please don't buy in disease as the only one who benefits is us at the vets!!

- ❖ A simple check list of what I would recommend as a minimum when they get back to the farm includes:

1. **House** them on a yard for 24 hours.
2. Immediately inject them with **dectomax** - this eliminates sheep scab.
3. Drench them with **Zolvix** - this with the above removes 99.9% of worms including resistant ones.
4. Inject them with **tetroxy LA (Terramycin)** - this will get rid of any foot rot.
5. Foot dip them for 3 consecutive days in **formalin or golden hoof.** - this will reduce other foot conditions.
6. Turn them onto a **field that has recently had sheep on!** -this will mean any worms that were not killed by the wormers will be diluted out on the field.
7. Vaccinate the ewes with **Enzovax and toxovax** (assuming we can source it!!!)
8. Keep them **isolated for a minimum of 21** days. During this time observe them for lameness. You do not want to bring on CODD as it is a very very costly disease.

We are starting to hear of **fluke rearing its head.** If you have cattle or sheep which are losing condition then I would recommend drenching them with either **endofluke or triclafas.** At this time of year you need a product that will kill the immatures.

I would like to try and organise another **Jolly with Oli!!** If anyone has any **ideas** where they would like to visit **please let me know.** It has been well attended in the last couple of years. So sensible suggestions please!! (Not mentioning any names.)

### Dairy cell check:

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|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---|
| Average S.C.C           | 200 | Average protein     | 3.2 | Average % of cows with a SCC above 300 in different stages of lactation |
| Average milk yield      | 9   | Ave conception rate | 38  | 0-99 days 11  |
| Average milk / cow / yr | 6.4 |                     |     | 100 - 199 days 15   |
|                         |     |                     |     | 200 + days 20   |