

# FARM

# News



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### Nematodirus Reminder

The recent warm weather means that growing lambs are currently at a high risk of nematodirus. Lambs ages 6-12 weeks are generally considered to be at the highest risk, however younger lambs may also be affected.

Nematodirus and coccidiosis will present with very similar signs and it is for this reason we strongly recommend regular muck sampling of growing lambs. Post mortem of any sudden death cases can also be extremely valuable. For any more information please contact the practice.



### Have you had abortion in your flock this year?

Abortion is a common but preventable occurrence in sheep flocks. If your abortion rate was greater than 2% then it is likely that infectious causes such as toxoplasmosis or enzootic abortion may have been involved. We are able to identify these by taking blood samples from ewes and sending it off to the lab. Toxovax and Enzovax are now available to order. Due to supply shortages in previous years we recommend you to order early to avoid disappointment. Both vaccines can be used in ewe lambs from five months of age and can be given up to 4 months off tugging. Please ring the practice for more information on both vaccines and to place your order.



### Have you dosed your herd yet?

We have great offers on all dosing products in store – including all your top branded products. Please call in and discuss your dosing program with the office.

### Focus On Fly Prevention

It's that time of year again and the earlier you commence with your summer programme of fly control the better. With a wide range of products available it is important to know what you are using and how often it should be repeated.

We have both Ectofly and Spotinor in stock and available at competitive rates.

Remember that fly prevention products don't spread well across the skin so should be applied directly to the areas you are concerned about- this is particularly important when treating established blowfly strike and when using in dry cows to prevent summer mastitis.

PRODUCT	LICENSED IN	CONTROLS	DURATION OF ACTION	WITHDRAWAL
ECTOFLY	Sheep	Flies (including established blowfly strike) lice and ticks	6-8weeks	Meat: 8 days Milk: Not licensed for sheep producing milk for human consumption
SPOTINOR	Cattle and Sheep	Flies (including established blowfly strike) lice and ticks	4-8weeks, do not repeat after less than 4 weeks	Milk: cattle 0hr (Not licensed for sheep producing milk for human consumption) Meat: 17 days



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