

# FARM News



December 2019

## Lice & Fluke Treatment

Traditionally this is the time of year that suckler cows and all other types of cattle that were out at grass are treated for liver fluke. At present, most cattle have been in the house for 8 weeks or more, which means that all the fluke picked up before housing has matured, allowing fluke treatment products to achieve an effective kill.

Dairy milk cows should receive their fluke treatment at drying off irrespective of the time of year.

Lice treatment should also be considered in all types of cattle over the winter months. Look out for cattle scratching or licking themselves.

## Digital Dermatitis in Cattle

Digital Dermatitis is an infectious condition of feet in cattle caused by a specific bacteria called Treponemes. Foot lesions that are implicated in digital dermatitis have a highly variable appearance and can be found at a range of sites on the feet, however the classic lesion is on the skin around the heel.

Digital Dermatitis is a major factor in the loss of production in some herds and trying to prevent the disease results in less production losses and is a lot more cost effective than treating individual severe cases in a herd.

Prevention of the spread of digital dermatitis can be achieved by daily foot-bathing and better scraping of floors, removing sources of deep slurry, water and mud.





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Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – 09:00-15:00

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – 09:00-18:00

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – 09:00-16:00

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – 09:00-18:00

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> – 09:00-17:00

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – CLOSED

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Back to normal opening hours

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 🎄👴

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