

FARM

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Lungworm/Coughing in Cattle



It's that time of the year again; we often see outbreaks of lungworm in grazing cattle throughout September. The first sign is coughing which is particularly noticeable if animals exert themselves; left untreated this will gradually worsen, animals may lose condition, display open mouth breathing, develop pneumonia and in some cases may even die.

Whilst outbreaks are most common in young stock disease can also be seen in adult cows, particularly dairy cows who have been purchased from another farm. If they haven't been exposed to lungworm as young stock then they will be highly susceptible to infection as adults and signs can be severe.

Lungworm is easily controlled through use of Huskvac vaccine and appropriate worming treatment. If you are concerned about lungworm in your herd please contact any of the vets for advice.

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.

Running until mid-September

Pneumonia vaccines; Autumn is a very stressful time for weaning calves as the weaning process usually coincides with moving farms, housing, dehorning and possibly castration. Careful planning before the weaning process/housing will help reduce the levels of pneumonia during the winter housing months. All cattle should be well wormed during the autumn months to eliminate lungworm and a pneumonia vaccine program should be complete before the weaning process starts. Please consult a vet to discuss the most suitable vaccination protocol for your cattle.

There has been an update in the Red Tractor Dairy Standards for Medicine. Please take the time to read this and get all courses up to date.



Standard	How you will be measured	Record
AM.b.1 At least one person, who is responsible for administering medicines has undertaken training and holds a certificate of competence/attendance from training undertaken since October 2016	Training courses cover at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicine types• Medicine handling• Administration• Medicine storage• Recording requirements• Avoiding residues Training courses include but are not limited to City and Guilds, NOAH/Lantra Antimicrobial Best Practice, MilkSure, veterinary led training courses.	Certificate of competence/attendance

Raddle powders available here

Raddle markers can be used by farmers to identify approximately when tupping took place. This marks the ewe with a specific colour on their back. This allows for farmers to group ewes based on their gestation times and helps make the lambing season a bit less stressful. Raddle markers can also be used pre-tupping to ensure that everything is working properly with your rams.

