

FARM News



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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 breeding. Please ring the practice for more information on both vaccines and to place your order.



Vet Portfolio

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Mike Reynolds
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Fly Prevention

It's that time of year again and the earlier you commence with your summer programme of fly control the better. Flies can cause mastitis or summer felon in lactating, dry cows and heifers. Mastitis and summer felon can be very costly for farmers with treatment costs and loss in production.

In sheep Blowfly strike is a major economic concern for farmers with considerable prevention costs involved for all at-risk sheep. Sheep affected with blowfly strike have disrupted grazing patterns and rapidly lose weight especially if untreated for several days. The entire life cycle from egg to adult can occur in less than 10 days in optimal conditions meaning early treatment is recommended.

Prevention is the best cure!

We have a full range of fly prevention products in stock. Please ask any of our staff about what treatments are best for you animals.



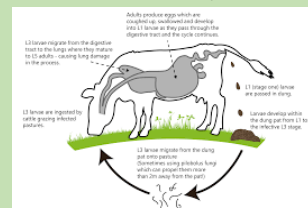
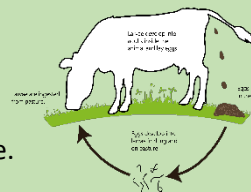
Worm burden in Cattle

Many cattle have now been at pasture for 4-6 weeks. Both gut and lung worms can cause major health problems along with added costs between treatment and loss in production. First and second grazing cattle are most at risk from gastrointestinal worms as it can take up to two grazing seasons to gain immunity. Lung worms can infect all cattle, delayed treatment in younger stock can cause ill thrift or death.

To monitor worm burden in livestock faecal egg counts can determine the amount of worms present and when dosing is required.

It also can monitor how effective dosing is.

Please ask any of our staff about faecal egg counts and dosing for cattle.



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