



Autumn Newsletter 2015

BVD

Many of you attended our meeting on BVD in July but for those of you that didn't attend here is an update:

- ❑ It is now illegal to move a Persistently Infected (PI) animal other than direct to slaughter or under veterinary license.
- ❑ Testing options have been reduced for dairy farms, milk testing is no longer an option. See one of the vets for your best testing option.
- ❑ Annual check test, whole calf screen or whole herd screen are the three testing options for Beef Breeding herds.
- ❑ Animals coming from England or back from a holding with no status e.g. wintering/summering onto your farm will automatically give your herd a *not negative* status. They must be isolated and tested within 2 weeks of coming onto your holding.
- ❑ There is a new BVD vaccine on the market called Bovella. It is a live vaccine that only requires one initial dose. It offers 100% protection (when used correctly) to the foetus from becoming a PI. It is a good biosecurity measure to vaccinate your herd to prevent a devastating breakdown in the event of a breach of biosecurity.
- ❑ The Scot EID database online (www.scoteid.com) can be used to check the status of bought in animals or herds you are buying animals from **although we still advise isolating and testing all bought in animals.**

Pre-tupping worm check

Don't forget to get your ewes checked for worms to plan whether you need a pre-tupping dose – speak to us to work out the best plan for your farm. An immature flukicide may also be recommended due to the wet summer we have had.

Also, consider doing a drench check at least once a year to see if you have resistant worms on your farm.

TUP MOT available at the practice – stop in on your way home for all the above checks and treatments!

Bronze Tup Check: Clinical exam, scan lungs and dose of Zolvix £12 per tup

Silver Tup Check: Bronze plus Micotil and Fluke dose £16 per tup

Gold Tup Check: Silver plus Dectomax inj and MV blood test £25 per tup

Platinum Tup Check: Gold plus fertility test £50 per tup

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