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VETERINARY SURGEON

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An update on significant issues that require your attention.

ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTION - SHEEP

A list of preventative and production measures in short summary form to act as a reference to help your planning. It is critical to plan to prevent production (economic) losses and to target productivity gains.

A. INTERNAL PARASITES:

- Internal Parasites both roundworms and liver fluke where present.
- Correct use of drenches.
- Understand your drench groups to reduce resistance.
- Role of worm kits and FERT Faecal Egg Reduction Trials.

B. LICE:

- Correct product and application. Beware of resistant lice.

C. VACCINES:

- Glanvac 6 in 1 should be the first choice vaccine in sheep production.
- Gudair vaccine to prevent and control OJD. Continual use of this product is essential.
- Scabby mouth vaccine (optional).

D. BLOWFLY PREVENTION:

- Clik and Vetrazin for prevention.
- Use of Existinosad for flystrike with no WHP.

E. DEFICINIES:

- Selenium every second year treatment with Deposel.
- Vitamin ADE when have had no green feed for 5-6 months.
- Vitamin B12 no response as this area is not Cobalt deficient.

F. GRAIN FEEDING:

- Prevention of grain poisoning (lactic acidosis).
- Eskalin applied to feed especially feedlots in first 2 to 3 weeks.

G. OVINE BRUCELLOSIS:

- Buy clean rams.
- Yearly palpation and/or blood test any suspect.

H. USE OF TEASERS:

- Testosterone treated wethers to increase cycling of ewes.
- Definite gains with maiden ewes and November to January joinings.

I. SHEEP MEASLES.

- Will cause carcasses at abattoirs to be condemned.
- Caused by dog/fox tapeworm.
- Regular worming of dogs with correct product, e.g. Drontac, Pyraquantec.