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Dear Client,



Blue Tongue

The success of the compulsory 2009 vaccination programme in Europe has reduced the number of outbreaks to a few hundred. The virus is still present and a risk in imported animals to the UK.

The decision on vaccinating your herd/flock is not easy:

1. On one hand if done now a single booster will cover cattle but delay until late summer/autumn will need two injections.
2. The disease may not appear and no vaccination be needed.

Please note that the risk has reduced greatly but not completely gone.

Fluke

A second wet summer has created ideal conditions for this parasite. Every farm in Cumbria is at risk. The easiest way to check is on dairy's bulk milk sample and give a reliable measure of the problem. On beef or sheep farms – dung samples from ten animals.

Lungworm

An increase in the incidence of lungworm in adult dairy cattle over the last ten years has prompted greater use of Huskvac in calves. This oral vaccine is given in two doses, six weeks and two weeks before turnout.

Mamyzin

The milk withdrawal has increased to 108 hours.

Naxcel Cattle

This new product is a long acting version of Excenel RTU which lasts for seven days. This product has a zero milk withdrawal and nine day meat withdrawal but only if injected subcutaneously into the base of the ear. If injected anywhere else it has a six month meat withdrawal.

Please discuss with a vet from our practice before injecting.