



Dear Client,

Dairy Cows Annual Boosters

BVD & Leptospirosis

This is traditionally the time for herd vaccination against BVD and Leptospira.

Both Bovidec and Spirovac are in our fridge and can be given at the same time at separate sites.



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We are using two vaccines routinely, one Live, one Inactivated depending on your replacements policy.

The Live vaccine is boosted every six months. The Inactivated vaccine only needs a once yearly booster.

The Herds using the Inactivated vaccine must adhere to strict regimes ensuring all heifer replacements and bought in animals receive a live vaccine before starting the Inactivated booster programme.



Sole Occupation Authority

Last summer DEFRA withdrew permission for us to issue new SOA's but left existing ones in place.

This means that any new fields taken for summer grazing have to be subject to the six day movement rules. However fields taken other years that are already on your SOA can (as in previous years) be moved on or off without triggering the six day rule.

Schmallenberg Disease

This virus is present in Cumbria spread by the midge but the cold wet summer and autumn stopped widespread infection with less disease in the north of the county. However the VLA lab at Penrith has had both Beef and Sheep Farms showing the full spectrum of the disease and although relatively few farms are involved, the losses have been serious. MSD have developed a vaccine for Schmallenberg which is currently going through safety and efficiency checks by the VMD. They expect that it will be launched this summer.

Evidence for further south shows that we were lucky to be lightly touched by the disease last year but to expect an epidemic in 2013.

