

Post-drench testing of cattle and sheep—September offer

Throughout September we are encouraging anyone who is treating sheep or cattle for worms to carry out a post-drench test after drenching. We have found multiple resistances in samples this year and are concerned that current worming practices are speeding up the development of resistance, rendering some drugs completely ineffective. Knowledge of how effective a wormer is on your farm can help us advise on future worming strategies to slow down the progression of resistance.

For only **£10 +VAT** we can carry out a post-drench test to test how effective the dose has been. We require 10 individual samples from animals dosed 14d previously for white, clear, purple and orange drenches and 7d previously for yellow drench. Please contact us before carrying out the sampling to run through the requirements (ie fresh!). We can also advise you on the easiest way to collect samples.

Meat withdrawal following surgery

We have been advised by the BCVA that any animal having had surgery (excluding minor procedures) should not enter the food chain within 28days of the surgery.

There are 2 reasons for this withdrawal period:

- 1) we are using local anaesthetics at higher doses than licensed (adrenacaine is only licensed up to 5ml per cow) and therefore we are using them off licence and statutory minimum meat (28d) & milk (7d) withhold periods apply.
- 2) Any animal which may have suspect bacteraemia (bacteria in the blood stream) should not be slaughtered for human consumption. Surgery is a high risk for bacteraemia as multiple blood vessels are breached during the procedure.

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Newsletter

September 2019

Dates for your diary:

5th September—Dairy Health Club—Latest advice on mastitis control

Including new Strep uberis vaccine!
11am - 2pm at Green Lane. Lunch provided. Phone Jo or Helen to book now!

23/25th September—AI course at Arnside Tower

Cost £535 + VAT (YFC 10% discount, beef farmers 50% discount via AHDB). Book ASAP

27th September—Medicines Course for Red Tractor compliance

1-3pm at Clifton Farm, Inglewhite PR3 2LP
£75 (£50 for extra attendees from same farm)
Please book your place asap

3rd October —Dairy Health Club— Optimising the milking process - can we speed up milking AND get more from our cows? *Lunch Provided*

By kind invitation from Mark & Peter Hewitt this meeting is held at Batty Hill Farm, Cockerham, LA2 0DZ. 11am—2:30pm.
In this talk Ian Ohnstad, an internationally recognised specialist in milking Technology, will look at the milking routine, machine settings, milk let down and mastitis. **This is one you won't want to miss!**

15th October—BVD Stamp It Out—Cluster meeting 1

Our 3rd group for this popular government funding scheme.
Phone the surgery for more information and to book your place.

31st October—Deadline for 2019 Johnes Management Plan

31st October— Medicines course Red Tractor compliance

Suitable for dairy, beef & sheep farmers
£75 (£50 for additional attendees from same farm)
12.30-2.30pm at Green Lane West, Garstang
Please book asap—lunch provided

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Changes to Red Tractor requirements

From October 31st 2019 the Red Tractor farm assurance requirements are changing. In order for a vet to sign your health plan they must have been present on the farm and seen all your groups of stock at some time in the past 12 months and have discussed the contents of the health plan with you.



The main changes to Dairy Plan content:

- Additional sections on protocols for calving procedures, lameness management, pain relief and use of shackles have been added to the first section of the plan.
- All milk producers must have:
 - a Johnes Control Strategy signed by a BCVA accredited vet (which all of our vets & Beacon farm vets are) - see next page for details.
 - A BVD eradication plan
 - A mobility scoring protocol along with foot trimming and bathing protocols
 - Milking routine and dry cow therapy written protocols
 - Calf management routines including colostrum procedures
 - Medicines training at an approved medicines course (we run these regularly—see front page for details of the next courses)

Beef & sheep

Since June 2018 it has been compulsory for veterinary involvement in the creation of a health plan (in the past it was recommended). We can discuss best practice and recommendations for preventing disease and health related issues.

It is recommended that someone from the farm has received approved training in medicine use (choice of drug and administration). We regularly run these courses at our surgery and have had very good feedback on their usefulness. Please contact us if you are interested. Please note attendance at one of these courses is not yet compulsory as in the dairy sector.

A full list of requirements and updates are available on the red tractor website:

<https://assurance.redtractor.org.uk/standards/search>

National Johnes Plan Declaration deadline! October 2019

The deadline for the declaration 2019 of the National Johnes Management Plan is 31st October. Those farms supplying dairies registered with Action Johnes will need a declaration submitting before this date (some dairies have an earlier deadline—please check with your buyer). This declaration involves:

- Screen test (cull cow screen, targeted 30 cow screen, whole herd screen etc).
- Review of the current control strategies; its best to include all staff in this

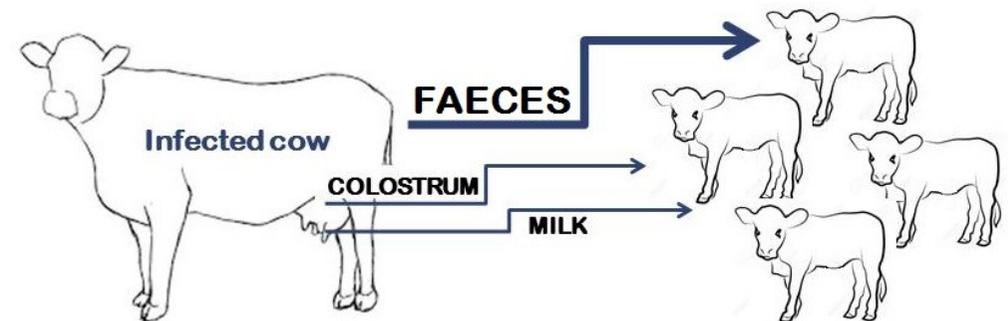
We will be contacting you shortly to arrange a visit to complete any outstanding tests and declarations. We encourage those involved to get organised well before the deadline to avoid delays with processing of samples and strategy review.

All of our vets are accredited Johnes Veterinary Advisers.



And if you don't currently control Johnes...

Those who don't yet have a control plan for Johnes and wish to know their status (or need to satisfy red tractor requirements) and how to control this important disease please don't hesitate to ask us. Some simple measures to control spread and have major impacts on the general health & production of your herd.



The disease is mainly spread via faeces and the most susceptible animals are youngstock. Once infected the incubation period can be years and it can be difficult to detect infected youngstock hence the cycle of infection can go undetected for several years, multiplying the numbers of infected stock.