



Lanes
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Newsletter
April 2022

Dates for your diary:

Ignite Agri : Wed 13th April 7pm (for 7.30pm) at The Crofters, Garstang

Henry Cooke from Clotton Hall Clotted Cream is the guest speaker.

Register now to book your hot buffet on 01995 602468

This is a members only event for the next generation of farmers. Ignite Agri-Forum is a new agri-business discussion group for young people in their 20- 30s in agriculture or related industry. The group is founded and sponsored by Lanes Vets, Armistead Barnett and Alta Genetics, with the aim of providing a platform for young people to generate ideas and socialise whilst learning from guest speakers on their journeys to successful business.

Medicines course – Wed 13th April 12-2pm at Garstang Surgery

Medicines course—Red Tractor approved. £75 / person (£50 per additional staff member). Lunch & refreshments included.

Everything you ever wondered about worm control (well, maybe!)

Wednesday 25th May 12-2pm at Brock Auction surgery (venue TBC)

Interested? Register your interest now for a place and hot lunch (supplied by Auction Eats café). Numbers limited.

This provides an informal setting to discuss worming issues including medicine choice, timing, resistance issues and sustainability. You will have the opportunity to discuss your own worming regime and create a bespoke plan. Free to attend.

Milksure course—date TBC in May. Please register your interest on 01995 602468.



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Nematodirus alert

With the warm weather at the end of March it is predicted the Nematodirus risk period for egg hatching is likely to be early this year. Currently the risk status is 'developing'. The current cooler weather will have slowed down development slightly but it is likely, as the temperature rises towards the end of the week, lowland areas are predicted to reach high risk with upland areas following soon after.

Lambs over a month old out at grass, particularly those on pastures that were grazed last year by youngstock, are most susceptible. Sudden death or severe scour are often the first symptoms observed.

Unless you have known resistance, a dose of white drench wormer (benzimidazole group) at the appropriate time should be sufficient. If you aren't already signed up for the risk alert with us please contact Helen on 01995 602468 now to make use of this free service. Also watch out on facebook, we will keep you up to date with the high risk alerts.

Contact us for more details if you have any questions (01995 602468).

Cattle youngstock worming plan

Often control strategies against gut worms, lung worm and liver fluke rely on the use of wormers applied to groups of animals at pre-determined times of the year. The same products are more often than not used at the same time every year irrespective of risk.

Over use of wormers prevents natural immunity developing as cattle require low grade exposure to worms to build up antibodies. A more beneficial worming plan would work with nature to prevent disease from worms whilst allowing build up of immunity.

Using this approach can result in saving wormer costs, time and stress from stock handling, with the added bonus of reducing the chances of parasite resistance and the negative environmental impact of some of the products. We can help you devise a simple plan using strategic muck sampling and dosing to give you peace of mind and optimise cattle growth. Our vet tech Helen can help collect samples if necessary and can run in house testing very cheaply (much less than the cost of your current worming regime) with results available on the same day.

Call Helen for a chat on 01995 602468 to start your route to healthy parasite control.

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Closing Date: 1st May 2022



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Milksure top up training



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Your Milksure accreditation may now be due for renewal. The theory part is valid for four years, however an annual 'top up' review is required by most milk buyers. Please check with your milk contract to avoid a non-compliance. We will try to contact those of you we know may be due a renewal but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are unsure.

We are holding a theory course in May (date TBC) please register your interest on 01995 602468. This suitable for review or newly accrediting farms.

If you require an annual 'top up review' call the office on 01995 602468 to organise a suitable time and date.

Changes to calf castration guidelines

It's not uncommon to see calves 'knocked back' a bit after castration, so what can be done to minimise this drop in feed intakes and growth rates? The simple answer is pain management. A reduction in pain reduces the negative effect of reduced appetite and stress. If you do need to castrate it is worth being aware of recent changes in some milk contracts and red tractor requirements.

Ringing calves should only be carried out over 24 hours old and under 7 days old. Pain relief or local anaesthetic is required by some dairy contracts although currently not required by Red Tractor (although it is likely this will be introduced soon).

Calves over 7 days old can only be castrated by burdizzo ('bloodless nippers') or surgically. Burdizzo should only be used in calves under 2 months. It is now a requirement that any calf over 1 week old has local anaesthetic and pain relief prior to castration. Calves over 2 months old should be surgically castrated by a vet.

Reviewing your technique and use of pain relief will benefit your calves growth rates and ensure compliance with your health plan.

Other factors which can negatively impact on the calf at castration are concurrent stress (don't castrate at the same time as weaning), infection (clean bedding & fly control) and the age of the calf (the younger the calf, the less stressful it is to them).

Call to discuss if you have questions. Alternatively consider using our vet tech service to save you time and ensure compliance—call Helen on 01995 602468 for more details.

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