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Make sure cattle are protected from worms whilst out at grass

When cows are outside grazing it should not mean they are out of mind, especially when it comes to managing worms, where a parasite control plan is vital to avoid hefty production losses.

Gut worms can cause serious problems in both beef and dairy cattle impacting weight gain (with losses up to 30%), carcass quality and milk yield.

It is worth noting youngstock in their first grazing season are more susceptible as they have not had a chance to build up any immunity to the worms.

What should a worm control plan involve?

Several elements should be factored into a strategic worm control plan. These include:

1. Reducing the level of pasture contamination early in the season. This can be done by treating cattle at turnout, either with a season-long product, such as CYDECTIN 10% LA or Autoworm, or with a pour-on such as CYDECTIN 0.5% Cattle Pour-On. If a pour-on treatment is used at turnout it is important to follow this up with a mid-season dose, the timing of which will vary depending on the product used. If there is a long grazing season it may be necessary to give a third treatment.

2. Monitoring of growth rates - It can be hard to notice the economic impact of worms unless regular weighing is taking place, as a reduction in growth rates will take place before any more obvious clinical signs are seen. Young cattle should be weighed and benchmarked against target growth rates,

typically 0.7 to 0.75kg/day for youngstock from grass. Lower growth rates can ultimately lead to longer finishing times.

3. Monitoring of parasites – regularly monitoring faecal egg counts can help determine when to treat before any issues arise. Speak to a member of staff in our Dumfries branch for more information on faecal egg testing.

4. Timing of second wormer dose – This will depend on the product used, but if a second dose is required and it is delayed there is likely to be a loss of production as the worm burden could start to impact growth rates.

Choosing the right product

When treating cattle it is important to make sure the right product is being used at the right time. Animals should be weighed to make sure the right dose is given – if animals are underdosed then this could lead to an increase in wormer resistance.

When controlling cattle parasites, it is important to follow the COWS best practice principles (www.cattleparasites.org.uk) to get the most effective use of cattle wormers. Target the animals that are at risk, ensure they receive the correct dose by weighing each animal and check dosing equipment before use.

There are many products available to help with parasite control and it is important to discuss the best option for your farm with a Registered Animal Medicines Advisor in your local Tarff branch so that the products can be used strategically.



Performance Boost in Case IH's Luxxum Tractor Upgrade

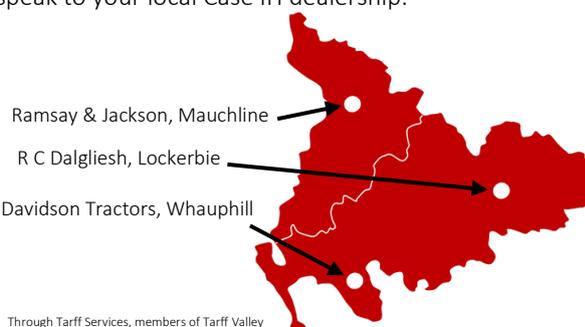
Case IH's Luxxum tractors have been upgraded with a new engine and other features, continuing its position as a key choice amongst all-purpose utility tractors.

The three all-rounder models, designed for mid-size livestock and mixed farms and delivering 101, 110 and 117hp, now offer even better performance while meeting latest, Stage V, engine emissions regulations.

The new Luxxum tractors also get a new exhaust after-treatment system, the maintenance-free "Compact HI-eSCR2" solution. To meet Stage V legislation, this integrates a diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC), a

maintenance-free particulate filter and a selective catalyst reduction (SCR) unit.

To find out more about the Luxxum range, please speak to your local Case IH dealership.



Through Tarff Services, members of Tarff Valley have access to the Case IH rebate scheme

Did you know that Diversey collects used IBCs* free of charge?

Diversey remains committed to delivering on its sustainability commitment to reduce its overall use of plastic packaging and to help customers reduce the waste they send to landfill.

While plastic currently still remains one of the best packaging materials available for the safe delivery of chemicals, Diversey are striving to increase the volume that is recycled and reused.

IBCs are designed to be multiple use containers**, but are often left stacked in factory and farm yards, or discarded when they could be re-used.

Diversey have invested in its capability to collect, wash out and recondition IBCs to ensure that they can safely deliver product throughout their useable life.

To book your collection, please email david.jackson@diversey.com, detailing your name, address, mobile number and the number of empties to be collected.

*Collection of Diversey owned IBCs only.

**excluding IBCs used for medicinal products.



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Did you know Tarff was one of the founding members of United Farmers back in 1971?!

On Thursday 26th May, a number of Tarff staff attended the United Farmers Spring Conference in Edinburgh. It was a highly successful day for them all with lots of product knowledge to take away.

Many thanks to United Farmers for organising the event. The team thoroughly enjoyed their day out!



Nematodirus Forecast

Lamb growth rates can be severely hampered due to nematodirus. Speak to a Registered Animal Medicines Advisor in your local Tarff branch for more information.

Watch the SCOPS nematodirus forecast for the latest update on disease challenge in your area. Click the link below

<https://www.scops.org.uk/fo-recasts/nematodirus-forecast/>



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Strike before you're struck

Blowfly strike affects more than 75% of farms in the UK annually with an estimated 1.5% of ewes and 3% of lambs struck each year¹. With changing weather patterns, the historical more predictable summer fly season is a thing of the past and we now see more variation in the months which fly strike occurs, beginning as early as March and continuing until as late as December.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to manage as historical approaches to prevention based on specific timings, such as holding off until post shearing, are not always successful. Preventative action must now be strategic according to the risk and weather conditions.

Once laid, fly eggs can hatch into larvae (or maggots) within 8 hours if the conditions are right, and produce enzymes which digest the host tissue. This leads to skin damage, causing the painful wounds associated with strike. The maggots feed on dead and dying tissue and produce powerful odours which attract other egg-laying females, rapidly increasing the severity of the situation.

If left untreated, the wounds will increase in size, become infected and ooze. This will cause the sheep to enter a state of shock, and perish. This further complicates the situation as an undetected carcass would be an excellent host for more larvae to develop and thus increase the number of flies.

Risk Factors for Fly Strike

Blowfly strike is multi-factorial with the following situations increasing the likelihood of strike:

- **Presence of organic matter in the fleece.** Fleeces soiled with faeces or urine provide the perfect environment for fly strike and the presence of organic matter can reduce the

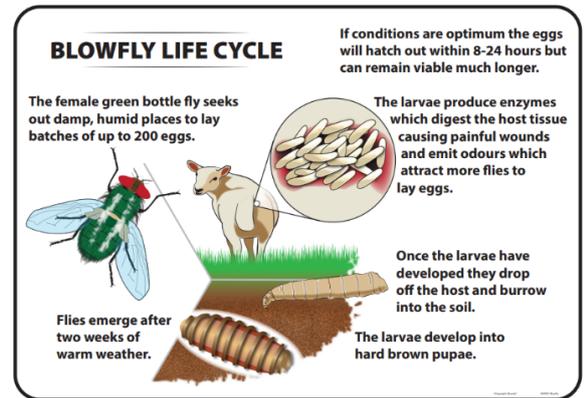
efficacy of preventative products, leaving the animals at high risk.

- **Open wounds.** This could be from footrot, a dagging injury or potentially even a previous fly strike wound. Even where preventative products have been applied, animals with open wounds are still susceptible to strike and need to be monitored more closely until the wound has healed completely.

- **Thick fleeces.** Humidity is a key risk factor for strike and thick fleeces can create the perfect humid microclimate for maggot development.

- **Environmental conditions.** Prolonged periods of hot weather can lead to an explosion in the fly population resulting in a very high challenge to livestock.

There are a number of factors to consider when choosing a fly prevention product for your flock. The withdrawal period and duration of action are important, particularly when drawing lambs for sale. Discuss treatment options with a Registered Animal Medicines Advisor in your local Tarff branch.



¹ Lihou, K., & Wall, R. (2019). Sheep blowfly strike:



Ayr Show

On Saturday 14th May we attended Ayr Show. It was great to finally be back speaking to customers face to face at an event. It was also the first outing for 'Tarff Services' where we could finally showcase all the services provided and how this area of Tarff has developed in the last two years.

Special thanks to Ramsay & Jackson Ltd who kindly provided us with a Case IH tractor for the stand. This was a great opportunity to promote the Case IH Rebate Scheme, which members of Tarff Valley have access to.

Details of your local Case IH dealership can be found on the first page of this newsletter.



Labour Service

Tarff Services is currently developing its new labour service for customers and members. Many farmers are looking to reduce their input costs e.g instead of full time staff, farmers may consider hiring in labour as and when it's required, which can significantly reduce the wages bill.

Tarff Services has been granted a Gangmaster Licence, which means it is able to provide labour onto farms. At the moment, Tarff Services is building its client portfolio. If you know of anyone looking for part time, extra hours or a summer job, feel free to mention the Tarff Services Labour Service. Information and an application form can be found on the Tarff Valley website - <https://bit.ly/38RSonJ>.

Once our database of clients has grown to a level where it can operate fully, customers and members will be made aware of this and will be able to call Tarff Services if they have labour requirements.

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