NADIS Parasite Forecast webinar: October 2019



- Autumn fluke forecast
- Quarantine dosing
- Sheep
 - Parasitic gastroenteritis (PGE)
- Cattle:
 - Parasitic gastroenteritis (PGE) and Lungworm infection
 - Treatment at housing



About this webinar

- The NADIS Parasite Forecast is published monthly
- Based on detailed Met Office data
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Weather summary



Working to shape a sustainable and prospering Scottish Red Meat industry

Provisional autumn fluke forecast

- Pasture development dependent on warm, wet weather and wet pastures
- Sheep and cattle at risk from disease
 - Sudden death
 - General dullness, anaemia and shortness of breath
 - Rapid weight loss, fluid accumulation
- Consider diagnostics
- Triclabendazole recommended in acute disease
 - Carry out post-treatment efficacy testing





Quarantine dosing bought-in stock

- New stock a potential source of new parasites
- Quarantine drenching prevents introduction of disease AND anthelmintic resistance.
- Ensure accurate dosing by weighing and calibrating equipment
- Specific measures:
 - Sheep (SCOPS guidelines)
 - Cattle (COWS group)
 - Recommendations cover roundworms, ectoparasites & liver fluke
- See SCOPS & COWS websites. Speak to your vet or SQP





Sheep: Parasitic gastroenteritis (PGE)

- Warm and wet summer months are likely to have extended risk
- Monitoring for signs of disease
 - Haemonchus affects animals of all ages
- Consider worm egg counts
- Where anthelmintic treatments are required move to safe pasture
 - Avoid dosing with long-acting group 3-ML products
 - Leave animals on dirty pasture for 2-3 days prior to moving.
 - Aim to leave <u>at least</u> 10% of the flock untreated
- If anthelmintic treatments are administered, check efficacy through worm egg counts







Cattle: PGE and lungworm

- Warm and wet summer months are likely to have extended risk
 - PGE infection now could lead to type-1 or type-2 disease
 - Lungworm can be a risk into November
- Monitor for signs of disease
- Vigilance advised in undosed/vaccinated animals
- When treating with anthelmintics:
 - Treat all animals in the affected group in the face of a clinical outbreak
 - Lungworm infected cattle should be moved to "safe" pasture or housed in a well-ventilated building.
- Consider the <u>COWS group's "5Rs"</u> to ensure effective, sustainable use





NADIS Animal Health Skills

Cattle: Treatment at housing

- Treat growing cattle with group 3-ML or 1-BZ to prevent type-2 ostertagiosis*
- Louse and mite infestations may increase at housing. Consider choice of wormer accordingly*
- Cattle exposed to liver fluke infection during the grazing season can be dosed with a product other than triclabendazole
- For more information please speak to your vet, or visit the <u>COWS website</u>



*check product label



Quiz

Click on the link below to answer a short quiz and print your Advanced Livestock Skills certificate

