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Nematodirus Risk Very High

The warmer weather has meant that Nematodirus is hatching on pastures with the peak infection expected within the next couple of weeks. Individual farms will vary especially for fields at higher altitudes which will be delayed.

Nematodirus causes disease before eggs can be detected in the faeces with a faecal egg count (FEC). It is a killer of lambs and stunts the growth in those remaining. Large numbers of immature larvae migrate out of the intestines and cause significant damage.

Lambs which are at a higher risk:

- Lambs grazing pasture that carried lambs last spring
- Lambs which are old enough to eat significant amounts of grass. Younger lambs may be eating more grass if the ewes are struggling to produce enough milk
- Where coccidiosis is also present
- Lambs suffering other diseases e.g. joint ill
- Lambs under ewes which are struggling e.g. ewe lambs or old ewes

Treatment is with a white drench (1BZ) which is highly effective and safe for young lambs. Be aware that you may need to retreat depending on the age of the lambs and the weather.

If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact us in the Office on 01570 422322 or email reception@steffanvets.co.uk