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## October 2015 Newsletter

### TB Testing

As you will be aware, there have been a number of changes with regard to the administration of TB testing. Some of the changes which have been introduced include setting target times for arranging tests. We ask that you please contact us to arrange a date for your test as soon as you receive the notification letter from APHA. Early booking of your test will give you greater choice over the day and timing of your test.

As the problem of TB continues to grow, there is a greater level of attention directed at TB Testing. In order to ensure that we help you manage the control of this important disease, all our vets are expected to follow the exact protocol for TB testing laid down by the APHA. Our Vets are now being checked regularly to ensure compliance; this may involve unannounced on-farm inspections of the finer detail of their work.

The majority of our farms have good facilities but we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that using a well designed and constructed handling facility (suitable for the size and temperament of your stock) will avoid unnecessary stress for you and your cattle, save time and most importantly provide a safe working environment for yourselves, your staff and our staff. Unfortunately if we find that we cannot carry out the test properly or safely, we are instructed to abandon the test. This may mean your test has to be rescheduled and may become overdue.

If you would like to discuss TB testing, handling facilities or have any concerns or comments please do contact us.