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Sheep Newsletter June 2012

Faecal Egg Counting Project 2012

We are able to offer subsidised faecal egg counting through Farming Connect, this summer, but the number of farms is limited. The scheme will fund 50% of the cost of faecal egg counts on one management group for the farm. Samples will be required every 3 or 4 weeks from 10 lambs. Following the count we will then be able to provide specific advice on your approach.

In the autumn there will be a meeting to discuss what we found during the season and how faecal egg counting benefited farms.

If you would be interested in joining the scheme please contact Jim as soon as possible, on either 01570422322 or email jim@steffanvets.com.

Enzovax & Toxovax

Following problems with vaccine availability for the last two years, we have been promised by the manufacturer that they will fulfil our order for this year. To ensure this we would like to book our required amount early so that we don't get left short, if problems arise.

Please could you let us know approximately how many doses you will need so that we can keep the vaccine for you.

It would also be helpful if you could give us an estimate of the number of doses of Toxovax you will need and when you'll need them.

Sheep Wormers

Zolvix is now in stock and now is an ideal time to worm your lambs to clear out all worms including those resistant ones. Using Zolvix once a year in your lambs clears out all the resistant worms and gives the lambs the best chance to grow well after weaning to reach slaughter weight as quick as possible.

Startect is also available and is new for this season. Startect is a dual action wormer which has two different active ingredients including the new group 5, purple wormer, derquantel. Startect not only kills worms resistant to other products, but used routinely it can help delay wormer resistance, protecting your flock from drench failure now and into the future.

We also supply white, yellow and clear doses at competitive prices.

Ram Vasectomies

The time of year has come to think about Teasing. Please ring us if you need any rams vasectomised.