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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Avian Flu re-
strictions tighten
after further con-
firmed outbreaks.

Keep up
to date;



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[www.gov.uk/
guidance/avian-](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-)

Johne's Declaration deadline for Red Tractor **31st December**. These must be signed by BAJVA registered vet (Jon, Barry or Sarah).

Control of Johne's leads to better overall herd health, reduced cull rate and healthier calf production.

We know most infections are spread by faeces and milk, but one third are a result of direct spread from cow to calf—some before. These calves born infected shed disease until at least 3 months old.

Knowing which cows and calves pose a risk allows us to create a safe area for rearing disease free replacements. This means regularly reviewing your management strategies and engaging the whole farm team and your vet.



Medicines Training

Since November 1st it has become a Red Tractor requirement for all Beef, Sheep and Pig farmers to have completed Animal Medicines Training within the last 2 yrs. We are running regular courses open to all our farmers at the practice to fulfil this. Contact Sarah to book, next course January 11th. Pasties included!



Let Sleeping Cows
lie.... Comfortably
Did you know cows that
were assisted at calving

are more likely to lie on their side, which is a sign of discomfort. Recent research has shown that a single dose of anti-inflammatory immediately post-partum increases time spend lying on their sternum and feeding. Dinalgen has no milk withdrawal.



Growth Rate Set Backs?

Mild Autumn temperatures allow internal parasites to persist much later in the year than we are used to, combine this with increased resistance to common anthelmintics is reducing growth in our youngstock.

Worm Egg Counts let us assess the worm burden in your flock/herd so we can treat accordingly and monitor response. SCOPS (Sustainable Control of Parasites in Sheep) now recommend using a Group 4 or 5 drench (**Zolvix** or **STARTECT**) as a clear up at the end of the season. BUT Mineral deficiencies increase susceptibility to worms, we can check this with blood samples if you are getting a poor response.

Farm Business Review Service

AHDB have launched a free online tool funded by DEFRA to prepare for a future with reduced Basic Farm Payments. Also includes advice and one-to-one direct assistance from experts.

<https://ahdb.org.uk/farm-business-review>. **Deadline February 2022.**

