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BLUETONGUE VACCINE UPDATE

The supply of Bluetongue vaccine for use in the protection and surveillance zones seems to be running ahead of schedule, and whereas we were originally told that vaccine would not be supplied for use in this area until August/September we are now thinking that vaccine may be available in mid to late July. We will keep you informed and anyone who has pre-ordered vaccine will be contacted as soon as it comes available to check on exact number of doses required.

FREE ABORTION BLOOD TESTING SERVICE

Intervet are running a scheme whereby the laboratory work for processing bloods from 6-8 ewes which either aborted, were barren or had dead or weakly live lambs this last lambing time, can be analysed for evidence of Toxoplasmosis and Enzootic abortion free of charge. This is an excellent opportunity to establish the disease status of your flock so that preventative measures to combat infection can be taken in the future. Samples need to have been submitted before the end of July.

ORBESAL MASTITIS TUBES

Orbeseal is a non-antibiotic teat sealant used at drying off, usually in conjunction with an antibiotic dry cow tube. It forms a physical barrier in the teat and prevents new intra mammary infections throughout the dry period. Recent studies have shown that over 50% of cases of E.Coli and Streptococcus Liberis Mastitis in the first 100 days of lactation may have been picked up during the dry period, therefore Orbeseal at drying off can significantly reduce the incidence of clinical mastitis in the following lactation. Orbeseal may also be used as part of a control programme for the prevention of summer mastitis. For more information speak to one of the Vets or visit our website www.daleheadvetgroup.co.uk

