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FARMER MEETING
PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT OF DAIRY COW FERTILITY

We are holding a meeting at The Plough in Wigglesworth the evening of
Monday 10th November 2008 at 7.30pm

To discuss practical ways of monitoring and improving fertility in dairy herds. The aim of the meeting is to suggest ways that we can work with you to improve the fertility management on your farms. If you would like to attend please the talk, please contact the surgery on 01729 823538 in order to assist us with the catering arrangements.

HOUSING DOSES FOR CATTLE

The wet summer which we have just experienced has resulted in a higher than average risk of liver fluke infection this autumn. Bulk milk samples which we have taken from dairy herds also indicate a high exposure to liver fluke this summer. If treating young stock or adult suckler cows at housing or dairy cows at drying off we would recommend using a product effective against immature as well as adult flukes. **Fasinex** or **Tribex** drenches are the only products effective against all stages of fluke. (**Combinex** will treat all stages of fluke as well as gutworms). **Trodax (Fluke)** or **Closamectin (Fluke & worm)** injections are also products which are suitable for this time of year. There are no pour on preparations for treating fluke

In addition to fluke control, young cattle which have grazed outside during the summer will benefit from being treated at housing with a product effective against both lungworm and gutworms. Ivermectin based pour-ons will also give additional cover against lice and mange. This autumn we are stocking **Enovex pour-on**, an ivermectin based product, which is currently on offer at a cash price of **£34** plus VAT per 2.5 litres, and can give a complete cover against gutworms, lungworm, lice and mange for 68p/500kg. If you would like advice on the most appropriate fluke and worm treatment for your farm or to ask for a quote please speak to one of the farm animal vets or our AMTRA qualified advisor Sarah Swainson.

NATIONAL SCRAPIE PLAN

As you may be aware, the National Scrapie Plan is finishing at the end of December 2008. Farmers wishing to bring their tests forward to allow rams to be tested before the end of the year should contact the surgery so that arrangements can be made.

SPECIAL OFFERS ON SHEEP VACCINES

We have purchased a quantity of sheep vaccines at a reduced price from our wholesalers due to the cardboard packaging having become damaged. We are offering these products for sale 25% less than the usual selling price. Products available are **Heptavac P Plus** 500mls, 250mls and 100mls, **Ovovac P Plus** 100mls and **Covexin** 500mls. All products have a good expiry date. These products will be sold on a "first come first served basis"

