

Disease Alert August 2017

- Bull fertility
- Ram management

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Bull fertility

- Categories of poor fertility:
 - Libido
 - Ability to serve
 - Semen quality
 - Infectious disease
- Influence of general health:
 - Body condition
 - Disease
 - Lameness



Bull fertility



Penile problems

- Corkscrew penis
- Penile rupture
- Preputial trauma
- Penile papilloma

Testicular problems

- Size
- Testicular infection
- Epididymal infection
- Secondary to illness and injury

Bull fertility

- Part of herd health plan
- BVD
- Campylobacter
- Other infectious diseases (based on farm history)
- Monitor body condition
- Check feet prior to breeding season
- Routine veterinary pre-breeding examination
- Monitor performance during breeding season



Ram Management

Flock health plan should include:

- Worming
- Footcare and lameness
- Body condition
- Preparing for sale
- Newly purchased rams and biosecurity
- Parasites
- Infectious disease



Worm control and footcare



- Remember SCOPS principles
- Examine feet
- Rapid detection and treatment of lameness

Body condition and sale prep



- 3.5/5 ideal prior to tugging
- Consider supplementary feeding
- Remember to allow for losses during tugging and adjust raddles
- Many rams under-conditioned after breeding season
- Most rams over-conditioned for sale
- Beware bladder stones, copper poisoning and acidosis following concentrate overload

Also keep an eye out for....



Heat stress

Jobs for August



- Abortion vaccines

Thank you for watching

Please have a go at the clinical
quiz!