### NADIS Parasite Forecast webinar: November 2018



- Preliminary autumn fluke forecast
- Roundworm infection in sheep
- Parasite control in cattle at housing



# About this webinar

- The NADIS Parasite Forecast is published monthly
- Based on detailed Met Office data
- Sponsored by Merial Animal Health and QMS
- Many of the clinical images provided by Phil Scott



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# Weather Summary



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#### Rainfall

as % above below long-term regional average (1981-1990)



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# **Preliminary Autumn Liver Fluke Forecast**

Based on Met office temperature and rainfall data from May - September 2018







# Liver fluke infection (fasciolosis)

- Monitor for disease
  - Sudden death (acute infection)
  - General dullness, anaemia and shortness of breath
  - Weight loss, fluid accumulation (bottle jaw)
- Diagnostics
- Avoid grazing "flukey" pastures during risk periods
- In acute outbreaks use triclabendazole
  - The only flukicide effective against both adult and juvenile stages
  - Efficacy testing is advised
- Chronic infection may show no signs of disease
  - Consider faecal egg counts
  - Treat with products other than triclabendazole



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## Sheep: Parasitic Gastroenteritis & Haemonchosis

PGE (lambs):	Haemonchosis (lambs and ewes):
• Loss of appetite	<ul> <li>Sudden death (acute infection)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Diarrhoea (Black scour)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Anaemia and general fatigue</li> </ul>
Dehydration	<ul> <li>Oedema or fluid accumulation (e.g. bottle jaw)</li> </ul>
• Weight loss	<ul> <li>Progressive weight loss and loss of appetite (chronic infection)</li> </ul>

- Test for infection by worm egg count
  - Consider Rams post-breeding
- Where indicated, dose and move to safe pasture
  - Leave on current grazing 2-3 days after treatment
  - Aim to leave 10% untreated
- Where treating check treatment efficacy
  - Through post-treatment worm egg counts



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# **Treatment at Housing**

- Treat growing cattle housed after their first or second season treatment with either a Group 3-ML or Group 1-BZ product
  - Group 3-ML pour-on preparations are also effective against louse infestations
- For cattle exposed to liver fluke infection:
  - Using a product other than triclabendazole if possible
    - Either delay treatment or give a second dose after a designated period of time to ensure all flukes are killed
    - Albendazole and oxyclozanide are also licenced for use in lactating animals
      - Check milk withhold periods
- Testing for treatment efficacy should also be conducted at this time





# Quiz

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