### NADIS Parasite Forecast Webinar: December 2018



Photo courtesy of Dr Philip Skuce, Moredun Research Institute

- Autumn Fluke Forecast
- Sheep:
  - Parasitic gastroenteritis (PGE)
  - Ectoparasites
- Cattle:
  - Parasitic gastroenteritis (PGE)



## 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



Working to shape a sustainable and prospering Scottish Red Meat industry

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## Autumn Liver Fluke forecast 2018

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









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# Liver Fluke infection (fasciolosis)

- Local factors may allow fluke development
  - Avoid grazing "flukey" pastures where possible
- Continue to monitor for signs of disease
  - Acute and chronic infection in sheep
  - Chronic infection in cattle
- Blacks disease
- Routine diagnostics
- Treatment
  - Consider alternatives to triclabendazole where possible
  - Pre- and post-treatment efficacy testing is advisable



Photos courtesy of Control of Worms in Cattle Sustainably "COWS" and Ben Strugnell, Farm Post Mortems



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# Sheep: Parasitic Gastroenteritis

- Trichostrongylosis in store and replacement lambs
- Monitor for signs of disease
  - Perform worm egg counts
- 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
- Potential for encystment of abomasal worms
  - Encysted stages cannot be detected by worm egg count
  - Chose effective wormers





#### Straight to the point fluke control



# Sheep: Scab and Lice

- Diagnosis important, as treatments vary
- Scab: severe disease and death
  - Can remain infective in the environment up to 17 days
  - Notifiable disease in Scotland
  - Treat with injectable 3-MLs
    - Ensure correct dosing and administration
- Louse infestations: commonly affects thin sheep
  - May indicate underlying issue with flock management
  - Treatment with topical synthetic pyrethroids
- Diazinon dips are effective against scab and lice
- For more information please speak to your vet and SQP



Photos courtesy of Dr Joseph Angell



# NADIS Cattle: Parasitic Gastroenteritis and Lice

- Arrested development of Ostertagia ostertagi
  - Mass emergence in winter or spring can cause type-2 disease
  - Encysted infections cannot be ruled out by worm egg counts
- Growing cattle in first or second grazing season
  - Autumn born calves are unlikely to be at risk
- Group 1-BZs and group 3-MLs are effective
  - Pour-on 3-MLs are also effective against lice







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## Quiz

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