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## Read further to...

- Plan to protect your stock from the costs of BVD and Johne's disease.
- Learn how to mobility score cows to detect and treat cases as early as possible in order to reduce costs.
- Find out the causes of mastitis and prioritise the most important risk factors on your farm.
- Plan to reduce the cost of pneumonia in your herd.
- Follow the four areas of sheep production that are important for production and profit.

Supported by



- Invest in the future
- Increase profitability
- Control the disease

A RDPE initiative from the Rural Business School



## Lameness

Costs...

- Approx. £300 for an average case.

Costs due to lost milk production, increased calving interval and increased culling rates.

Find out the risk factors on your farm and how to reduce lameness incidence.

Learn about the benefits of mobility scoring cows in order to detect and treat cases as early as possible to reduce costs.

Learn to foot trim the Dutch way.

## Mastitis

Costs...

- Approx. £250 per average case. \*
- Over £100 per cow in an average herd in the UK. \*

What are the causes of mastitis in your herd?

We can assess your herd's status and prioritise the most important risk factors using the DairyCo Mastitis Plan.

\*(Dairy Co figures, 2009)

Funding is available for 70% of the project cost.

## Calf Pneumonia

Costs...

- Approx. £75 per sick calf. \*

How many calves did you treat last year?

The single biggest cost is weight loss / reduced daily liveweight gain (40% of the total).

Aim to increase profitability by minimizing pneumonia costs in your herd.

\*(A.H.Andrews, 2000)



## Sheep Production on Focus Farms

- Lameness
- Nutrition
- Breeding
- Parasite Control

Our practice will deliver the sheep strand of 'Healthy Livestock' alongside an additional specialist sheep vet, on selected focus farms set up across the south west, to demonstrate and facilitate the transfer of best practice in flock health management.

## BVD

Costs...

- More than £10,000 per year in a 100 cow herd.\*

Develop procedures which protect your farm from future breakdown, and introduction of disease.

Work towards herd accreditation.

\*(University of Reading disease cost figures)

## Johne's

Find out the status of your herd.

Prevent the on-going losses which can occur and work towards the Health Visa to promote the health status of your stock.



Please tick the subject boxes you would like to be involved with and post to the address on the back.

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