

JANUARY SHEEP NEWS – 2019

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Happy New Year 2019! The first for 2019 will focus on scanning results. Scanning is an important part of the sheep calendar: it tells us how our sheep were performing before and during tupping, and it can also give some idea of what to expect over the lambing period to come.



BUYING IN SHEEP OR STORE LAMBS?

Do you know what you're buying in?

This little fella was dropped off to us last week in a wool sample from some itchy store lambs. Although he is fairly harmless (a common sheep louse), it goes to show that not all conditions are easy to spot when buying new stock.

Remember that quarantining new stock is a crucial part of maintaining the health of your flock.

New sheep should be:

- Bought from a known vendor with known disease history from farm
- Housed for 48 hour and isolated from the rest of the flock for at least 3 weeks (or until after lambing if in-lamb ewes)
- Treated for: scab; resistant worms; fluke and infectious causes of lameness (i.e. foot rot) – contact us for the best products to suit you
- Vaccinated in accordance with your flock vaccines

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What's On?

PRE-LAMBING EWE NUTRITION

Tuesday 15th January 2019

at the Lamb Inn, Axminster, 6.30-8.30pm

This meeting will look at using scanning results to plan-ahead for the lambing season. We will look at pre-lambing nutrition and how to make the most of the feed available to you. This will also be run as part of the Challenge Sheep group in conjunction with AHDB. The meeting is free to attend; refreshments will be provided.

LAMBING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 30th January 2019

at Summerleaze Vets, 2-5pm

This workshop will cover all aspects of lambing including how to lamb a ewe; care of sick ewes and lambs; castration and tail docking and when to call for help. Ideal for new members of staff or those wanting to brush up on their skills. £35 per person – including afternoon tea, attendance certificate and course notes (free to Flock Health Club members)