



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL FROM THE KFE TEAM!

BUGS AND BEASTIES

Its that time of year when most of you will have housed your cattle. Help reduce stress and improve productivity by treating to eliminate parasites.

Lice can be very debilitating; for calves that have not been out you can use permethrin based pour-ons—remember treat the whole group. For yearlings that have been grazing and also need worming you can use pour-on avermectin (group 3 / clear) type wormers.

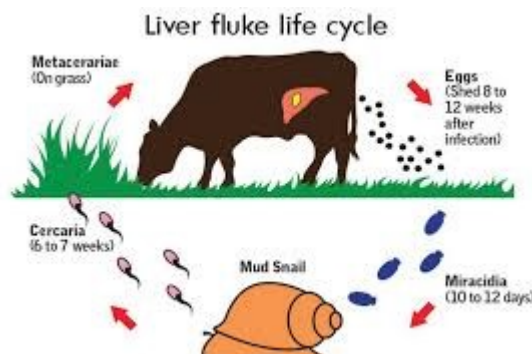


Roundworms will need treating in grazed calves and yearlings to prevent type 2 ostertagia. Generally adults in good body condition should not need routine treatments for roundworms.

Liver fluke can cause weight loss, anaemia, scours and poor productivity. Scarring from liver fluke results in liver condemnation. Abattoir feedback, faeces testing, bulk milk testing and bloods tests can be used to see if liver fluke is present in your stock. Remember there are multiple products available, some act on adult fluke some on immature flukes as well as adults. Whatever you use ensure it will be effective against the stages of fluke present. Generally products effective against adults can be used from 10 weeks after housing. Triclabendazole as a drench in cattle is effective against immature flukes from 2 weeks of age so wait until at least 2 weeks after housing.

Check dosing equipment is working correctly and weigh animals to ensure they are not under dosed which can cause resistance. Products that are suspensions need shaking regularly to ensure the product is given at the correct concentration. Over reliance on the same product year after year can also cause resistance. Also some fluke products have had their withdrawal periods increased so please check carefully.

Treating fluke in dairy cattle is tricky as there are few products licensed for use in lactating dairy cattle some can be used in dry cows but check datasheets carefully for milk withdrawal periods after dosing/calving. Milk buyers are also testing milk more frequently for residues of parasite treatments as well as antibiotics and anti-inflammatories.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECEPTION TEAM MEMBER REBECCA THOMAS!



2020 is kicking off with a warm welcome to KFE's newest member of the team Beccy. Beccy has joined us in the reception team and has taken to it like a duck to water. She lives at home on the family farm, so is well up to speed with farm life! She loves her dogs and her cows and I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome as and when you speak with her!

So.....welcome to the funny farm Becky!



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