

Green Farm Health Ltd

Keeping your farm healthy!



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Sheep Tagging

After considering the new rules we have decided to offer you the following advice;

1. We strongly recommend that you consider electronically identifying all new born lambs as some markets and abattoirs may require ALL sheep to be electronically identified later this year.
2. It is imperative that YOU check with your market, abattoir or private purchaser of your sheep EXACTLY what they require. They will all differ, which is one reason we are advising you to consider EID in all your lambs.
3. Any sheep which are not on their holding of birth with a single slaughter visual tag CANNOT BE TAG UPGRADED and therefore MUST die before 12 months of age. You will not be able to keep them for breeding purposes.
4. Any sheep born before 31/12/09 and identified which have lost their tags MUST BE RETAGGED WITH DOUBLE RED TAGS.



There are many other issues arising from the new rules which are available to view on our website www.greenfarmhealth.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE – You are not legally required to EID all your lambs this year but it is OUR OPINION that you should give it serious consideration.

Heiniger Clipper Sale

Heiniger clipping equipment is designed, developed and manufactured in Switzerland using world class design and manufacturing technology. Heiniger are noted for their high precision products both in the clipping and shearing markets and are proudly known as The Choice of Champions.

All Heiniger clippers are supplied in a robust carry case containing screwdriver, oil, and full instructions, including a two year warranty. **Big Savings on normal RRP buy now and save!**

12v Sheep Clipper £225

Xtra Sheep Mains Clipper £235



A powerful motor makes this high class Heiniger clipper ideal for dagging and small flock shearing. A Patented floating Fork System puts an even tension on the comb and cutter giving up to 50% longer life for combs and cutters. Powerful 320 watt motor precision made to ensure reduced vibration. Ergonomically designed for comfort, and ease of use. Ideal for clipping dirty cattle, also cattle head is available to convert to a dedicated cattle clipper.

12v Cattle Clipper £205

Mains Cattle Clipper £210

A powerful fan-cooled 320 Watt cattle and horse clipper. Heavy duty but well balanced and vibration free, will go through any filthy cattle coat. This is the same motor as the sheep shearing machine and the heads can be removed and swapped. The "one-touch" tension system is designed to prevent over tightening of the blades and hence prolong blade life

Cordless Clipper £239

Ritchie Grassland Harrows

Superior



Standard



Call for prices and delivery time





GFH VitAmax Sheep

With three-quarters of foetal growth in the last 6-8 weeks of gestation, good nutrition of the ewe is essential during this critical period especially if the weather becomes more 'wintery'.

To ensure the ewe has sufficient energy, feed either concentrates or ad-lib high energy feed buckets from mid-pregnancy.

A pre-lambing drench with our own brand VitAmax Sheep will also benefit.

Our VitAmax Sheep is a complementary liquid feedstuff containing chelated trace elements and vitamins and is especially beneficial to ewes pre-lambing. It will provide the ewe with all the necessary minerals, trace elements and vitamins needed at this stressful time. Ideally it should be administered 4 weeks before lambing so why not use it at the same time as the Heptavac P+ booster?

Coccidiosis

Coccidiosis is an infection of the small and large intestine caused by the protozoan parasites, Eimeria zuernii and Eimeria bovis. Without any preventive program the parasites invade the mucosal lining of the small and large intestines.

The parasite can remain viable for months in soil, water and vegetation, thriving in a moist, moderate, airy environment.

Signs of this can include diarrhoea (watery to sometimes bloody), dark fecal soiling on the tail and rear quarters, dehydration, gauntness due to reduced feed intake, weakness and depression.

Vecoxan

Use Vecoxan for the treatment and prevention of coccidial infections in lambs and to aid in the control of coccidiosis in calves.



If you are a few weeks from lambing and have a history of toxoplasmosis or coccidiosis on the farm it may be worth considering *Deccox buckets*.

Deccox buckets are available to help reduce the incidence of both diseases, but are only available with a vets written prescription.

Also available without a vet prescription is our *'Triple Attack'* bucket. This contains Origain which is a natural coccidiostat and protected Zinc which helps to prevent lameness and also to treat orf. For more information call 01845 522611.



Joules Spring/Summer range

The Joules Spring & Summer range is inspired by holidaying, camping and caravanning. This spring and summer, look your best with Joules for a great British adventure.

****In stock now****



Electric Fencing Equipment

Gallagher is the leading quality brand in electric fencing. Gallagher offers high quality products developed from a rural point of view. We now have a wide range of Gallagher electric fencing equipment in stock including Energisers, Posts, Conductors, Insulators, Netting and much much more! Please contact us for more information and prices.

Lambing Time

Nearly 20 percent of all lambs born die before weaning, 80 percent of those losses occur in the first 10 days after birth. Be prepared for lambing!



Proper care of the ewe in mid to late pregnancy and care of the lamb in the first few hours are the essential components of ensuring a healthy lamb crop. Vaccination and supplementation of the ewe are also efficient ways of ensuring the health of the lamb.

We have a range of products available to help you prepare ewes pre-lambing, plus a full range of lambing products available and many are on special offer!

****Lambing lists now available!!****

Grasstrac

Applied in the spring, it is absorbed by the grass for the full growing season thereby providing all grazing animals with these essential trace elements. Applied by fertiliser spreader, the rate is one bag (20kg) per acre and it can be applied while stock is in the field.

****Order before March for 50p off per bag****



NEW Gel-Lyte +

The only gel-based electrolyte to contain glutamine. Contains high levels of glucose, sodium and bicarbonate precursors, which combined with the calf's usual milk source, will provide high levels of energy and the essential salts to aid recovery from dehydration and acidosis. Highly palatable even for sick calves, can be mixed with milk or water. For use in case of risk of, during periods of, or recovery from digestive disturbance (diarrhoea). Mix 25ml with 1 litre of tepid milk or water. Feed 2 litres twice daily for 2 days or for up to 7 days with milk if necessary.



Heptavac-P plus

Heptavac-P plus is used for the active immunisation of sheep as an aid in the control of lamb dysentery, pulpy kidney, tetanus, braxy, blackleg, black disease, clostridial metritis and pasteurilla. All breeding sheep not previously vaccinated with Heptavac-P plus must receive 2 injections each of 2 ml, separated by an interval of 4-6 weeks. There after they must receive booster injections at intervals of no more than 12 months. These yearly boosters should be given 4-6 weeks before lambing as an aid in control of disease in their lambs.



Congratulations to Hayley! She's getting married!

The wedding is planned for this June at Danby Castle. We would like to wish Hayley and Richard a long and happy future together.

Congratulations to Sharon!



She recently passed her AMTRA exams with flying colours - Well done Sharon!