



## Disease Alert August 2017 – Summary

*Local farm conditions may change, consult your vet.  
Effective worm control should be part of your veterinary health plan.*

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### BULL FERTILITY

#### Categories of poor fertility:

- Libido
- Ability to serve
- Semen quality
- Infectious disease

#### Influence of general health:

- Body condition
- Disease
- Lameness



#### Penile problems

- Corkscrew penis
- Penile rupture
- Preputial trauma
- Penile papilloma

#### Testicular problems

- Size
- Testicular infection
- Epididymal infection
- Secondary to illness and injury

#### Management and Prevention

- Part of herd health plan
- BVD
- Campylobacter
- Other infectious diseases (based on farm history)
- Monitor body condition
- Check feet prior to breeding season
- Routine veterinary pre-breeding examination
- Monitor performance during breeding season

### RAM MANAGEMENT

#### Flock health plan should include:

- Worming
- Footcare and lameness
- Body condition
- Preparing for sale
- Newly purchased rams and biosecurity
- Parasites
- Infectious disease

#### Worm control and footcare

- Remember SCOPS principles
- Examine feet
- Rapid detection and treatment of lameness



#### Body Condition and Sale Preparation

- 3.5/5 ideal prior to tugging
- Consider supplementary feeding
- Remember to allow for losses during tugging and adjust raddles
- Many rams under-conditioned after breeding season
- Most rams over-conditioned for sale
- Beware bladder stones, copper poisoning and acidosis following concentrate overload

#### ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR...

- Heat Stress

#### JOBS FOR AUGUST

- Sheep abortion vaccines

**Prevention is better than cure**

**Plan for health with your vet - get a veterinary health plan**

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