



# Disease Alert November 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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## WOODEN TONGUE AND LUMPY JAW

### Aetiology

- Sporadic bacterial mouth problems
- Wooden tongue
- *Actinobacillus lingieresii*
- Lumpy jaw
- *Actinomyces bovis*
- Gain entry through small wounds

### Signs

- Difficulty eating
- Wooden tongue
- Drooling, swelling under chin, rapid weight loss
- Lumpy jaw
- Facial distortion
- Draining fistulas



### Prevention and Treatment

- Wooden tongue may respond to prompt antibiotic treatment
- Lumpy jaw carries guarded prognosis
- Spikey feeds should be avoided if possible

## RESPIRATORY DISEASE IN SHEEP

### Pasturellosis (Shipping Fever)

- Caused by *Mannheimia haemolytica*
- Acute onset respiratory distress, fever and lethargy

- Sudden death
- Good response to antibiotics
- Vaccines effective and can be given early

### Sheep Pulmonary Adenomatosis

- Infectious viral disease causing lung tumours
- Long incubation period
- Exercise intolerance and fluid accumulation
- Secondary infection common
- No treatment – need to cull affected individuals



### Atypical Pneumonia

- Infectious pneumonia due to a variety of organisms
- Signs usually mild
- Reduced growth rate with mild cough
- Incidental finding at post mortem
- Control similar to pneumonia in calves

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

- Sheep Scab
- Acorn Poisoning

### JOBS FOR NOVEMBER

- Identify reference heats for autumn calving herds
- Check raddle fit on rams

Prevention is better than cure

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

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