



Disease Alert March 2018 – Summary

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

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COW TRACKS

Benefits of cow tracks

- Improved foot health
- Improved cow flow
- Udder hygiene
- Extended grazing
- Reduced poaching



Design and materials

- Cost-benefit difficult
- Top-layer needs to be
 - Smooth
 - Good grip
 - Free draining
 - Firm
 - Soft
- Significant compromise if used for machinery

Cow Behaviour

- Must remember cow herding behaviour
- Allow plenty of space
- Minimum 4M up to 200 cows
- Extra metre for every extra 100 cows
- Allow cows to walk at their natural speed and find their natural order
- Avoid excessive gradients

DYSTOCIA IN EWES

Background

- Annual ewe mortality in lowground flocks is around 5-7%.
- 70% of these are associated with dystocia
- Ewes with dystocia 10 times more likely to die than be examined by a vet

- Prompt identification of problems and veterinary intervention if required key to a successful outcome

Position and Ringwomb

- Positioning accounts for approx. 50% of dystocias
- Be careful to identify limbs, and both limbs belong to the same lamb before traction
- Ringwomb due to failure of hormonal control or failure of the lamb to engage the pelvis



Oversize and Uterine Inertia

- Large lamb
- Narrow birth canal
- Immaturity
- Over-condition
- If the lamb is dead consider fetotomy
- If the lamb is alive, requires caesarian section
- Uterine inertia often secondary to metabolic disease

ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR....

- Displaced abomasums
- Joint and Navel ill

JOBS FOR MARCH

- Vaccinate at-risk cattle for Leptospirosis
- Worm lambing news (if appropriate)

Prevention is better than cure

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

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