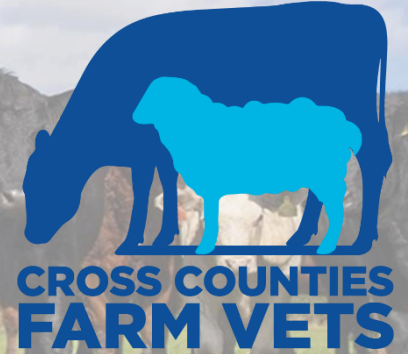


# JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Welcome



### NATIONAL YOUNGSTOCK CONFERENCE

Tickets for the 2024 National Youngstock Conference are now available. The conference has a new venue for 2024, the home of Exeter Chiefs Rugby - Sandy Park, Exeter and is being held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

This summer's technical, farmer focussed, conference is set to offer a wealth of ideas and information for all delegates, regardless of calf-rearing system and level of experience or expertise. The full programme is available on the Cow Management magazine website, please visit

<https://www.cowmanagement.co.uk/national-youngstock-conference> for full details.

We have an exclusive discount for clients, that will save you £5 on tickets: **CrossCountiesNYC24**. Tickets cost £49.50 (without discount) plus VAT and includes the presentation sessions, refreshments, light lunch, and a comprehensive magazine that provides a summary of each of the day's sessions and access to over 30 trade stands. Tickets are limited, please book today to avoid disappointment, following the link <https://www.cowmanagement.co.uk/national-youngstock-conference>.

### TBAS VISITS

We are delighted that a further year extension has been agreed with DEFRA to continue TBAS (TB Advisory Service). Unfortunately, we have recently seen an increased number of TB cases in some areas and would therefore encourage you to make the most of the government funded TB advice visits to help protect your herd. The scheme consists of a visit with a vet who will go through an in-depth survey on farm, and make recommendations for you to help reduce your TB risk. A follow up visit is performed after 6 months to check on the progress. Please contact the office to book your visit while the funding is still available.

The Secret Service surrounded the President with dozens of cows.....



.....They were trying to beef up security!

### A Sad Goodbye

**Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Sarah in mid June, after 4 years. We are sure you will all agree that this will be a huge loss to the CCFV team and join us in wishing her all the best in her next chapter!**

### Beef Club Meeting

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

The talk is on Trace Elements and is kindly sponsored by Agrimin.

Limited spaces so please contact the office as soon as possible to book your space.

Location: TBC

### Dairy Transition Meeting

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 11:30am.

Farm intro and walk, discussion with Elanco about what a successful transition period is, and a practical on BCS and rumen fill scoring. Contact the office for the location and to book your place!

Lunch will be provided.

### Drug Collection Reminder

A reminder to please ensure you continue to give 24 hours' notice for non-urgent drug orders.



# Animal Health and Welfare Pathway

The application for the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway is still open and is now even easier to apply for using the following link: <https://apply-for-an-annual-health-and-welfare-review.defra.gov.uk/apply/start>. It is now open to non-BPS claimants and satisfies the veterinary attestation requirements for exporting produce to the EU. Once you have applied for the AHWP, you have 6 months to carry out the required testing and the review.

Those who signed up to an annual health and welfare review (application made and agreement started) more than 10 months ago can now apply for a second review, with additional funding to build on the progress made.

## What does the review offer you?

The funding provided depends on the stock type, and the testing required. The funding is as follows:

- Dairy (herd size of 11 or more cattle) - £372
  - BVD testing (antibody or antigen) of a representative milk sample from the bulk tank
- Beef (herd size of 11 or more cattle) - £522
  - BVD blood test of 5 unvaccinated cattle aged 9 to 18 months per management group in up to 2 groups. This would require an initial visit from the vet to take the bloods but could coincide with your TB test.
- Sheep (flock size of 21 or more) - £436
  - Faecal egg count reduction test
    - Ideally bring in a faeces samples, prior to day 0, from the group you are looking to test. We will carry out an in-house FEC to ensure the count in the group is high enough to worm.
    - Day 0 - Take fresh faeces from 15 lambs less than 12 months old by gathering them in the corner of a field for 20 minutes and watch for fresh droppings. All 15 samples need to be in individual bags and at least 5 grams of each. These will be sent to the lab for FEC with a filled-out pre-treatment form.
    - Day 0 – worm with an appropriate wormer
    - Day 7 (if you have used a yellow wormer) or Day 14 (if you have used white or clear) – Collect 15 individual samples from the same group of lambs. These will also be sent to the lab for a post-treatment test.
- Pigs (group size of 51 or more) - £684
  - Blood testing for PRRS of a minimum of 30 pigs

Once testing has been completed, an on-farm review can be carried out to discuss the results. The time on farm can also be used to discuss other topics such as biosecurity, medicine usage, parasite control, lameness, mastitis, housing, or any other specific areas you would like to work on to improve animal health and welfare. After the review is carried out the vet will send you the report to secure the funding.

If you'd like any more information on the AHWP or if you have already signed up and would like to book in the visit, please give the office a call on 01455 710935.

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