SHEEP HEALTH TESTING

MV

MV Monitored-Free Sheep Health Scheme

- No membership fee. Lab test fee of £5.50 & VAT per sample
- Flocks need to be complying with scheme rules and blood test a proportion of the flock if aiming to get MV Monitored-Free status
- Infected flocks can also join the scheme to benefit from reduced test rates and advice from a vet experienced in MV control and eradication.
- This is a lower tier programme than the MV Accreditation scheme and sheep with MV Monitored-Free status CANNOT enter MV sections at shows and sales

BORDER DISEASE

Border Disease virus testing

- Sheep can be tested pre-sale for the virus to ensure they are not persistently infected (PI) virus carrier animals
- Ear tissue, collected using specially designed ear tags, can be used to identify PI virus carrier sheep (similar to BVD testing in cattle)
- Samples can be tested individually or pooled for virus testing (up to ten blood samples or ear tissue samples per pool). If a pool tests as positive the samples would then need to be tested individually if the infected animal/s are to be identified. We have validated a low cost antigen ELISA which can reliably detect PI carrier sheep.
- Lab fee from £4.50 & VAT per head (based on a pool of ten)

JOHNE'S DISEASE

Johne's disease Monitoring Programme

- No membership fee
- Access to reduced test rates for batches of 40+, 100+ & 200+ samples for control/management purposes. Test costs range from £5.25 to £6.50 & VAT per sample

ADDITIONAL TESTS e.g. for quarantine screens, flock investigations/health planning

- MV – blood test. Special rate for 12 sample screen = £60 & VAT. Target the thinner sheep in the flock. This screen is only likely to be positive in flocks with a significant level of infection. Good for annual monitoring as part of a health plan.

- Johne's disease – blood test or faeces. The latter can be pooled from up to 10 sheep for a flock screen. Ideally target the thinner sheep in the flock. Good for incorporating in an annual flock health plan
- CLA – blood test and/or culture from any lesions
- **We have special test rates for blood test packages of CLA, Johne's & MV +/- sheep scab.**