

SHEEP HEALTH TESTING INITIATIVES

MV

MV Monitored-Free Sheep Health Scheme

- Annual membership fee of £45 & VAT. Lab test fee of £3.50 per sample (both invoiced through vet practice)
- 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. The MV Monitored-Free scheme submission form needs to be used to access the reduced test rates but it does not need to be signed (unless the flock is aiming for status). Ideally the rules would also be followed in infected flocks as these are beneficial for the control of disease
- 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 Sheep Health Scheme

- Annual membership fee of £40 & VAT. Lab test fee of £3.30 for antibody testing (both invoiced through vet practice).
- Flocks need to be complying with scheme rules and blood test a proportion of the lambs from each separate group

Border Disease virus private testing +/- health declarations

- Sheep can be tested pre-sale for the virus to ensure they are not persistently infected (PI) virus carrier animals
- Individual or group health declarations can be requested at £4 & VAT each
- Ear tissue, collected using specially designed ear tags (e.g. from Caisley), 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.
- The cost of testing can be obtained from your vet practice

ADDITIONAL TESTS e.g. for quarantine screens, flock investigations

- 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)
- CLA – blood test and/or culture from any lesions
- MV – blood test. Special rate for 12 sample mini-screen – target the thinner sheep in the flock. This screen is only likely to be positive in flocks with a relatively high level of infection
- The cost of these tests can be obtained from your vet practice. We have a special test rate for a package of CLA, Johne's and MV blood tests.