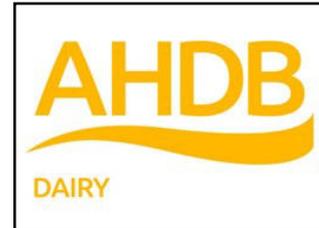




## Newsletter November 2018

### Ventilation

A few weeks ago we were lucky enough to help host an AHDB meeting with Jamie Robertson. The topic was on efficient housing for indoor high yielding dairy cows. Jamie is a recognised expert in livestock building design and was a great speaker. He dispelled myths and gave our clients tips on new builds and adapting older buildings - which can work just as well as their newer counterparts. The importance of adequate outlets was emphasised (again!!).



A few examples of good and bad outlets are shown in the pictures below. Can you tell which is which?



### Funding for BVD Control

#### **Funding for BVD Control! Seize the opportunity for BVD Control today**

Funding has been announced by DEFRA coordinated by the Scottish Agricultural College for BVD control in England. This will involve funding for BVD planning and some testing.



This is a perfect opportunity to get a handle on BVD on your farm. Even if you are vaccinating, this is an opportunity to assess current status and get a step ahead as BVDFree is likely to become a requirement in the near future with compulsory eradication programmes in place in many other neighbouring countries. We would therefore ask those that have an interest, or would like to find out more, to contact the practice.

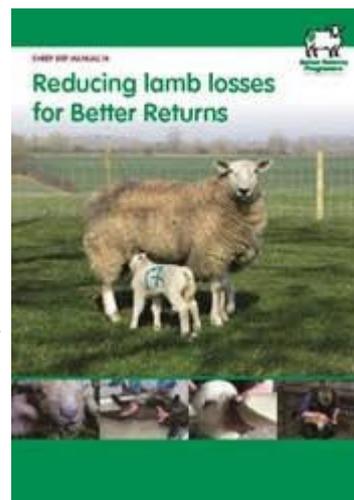
## DIY- Lamb Post-Mortem Workshop

On Wednesday, **12th December** we are running a DIY Post-Mortem Workshop for members of our 'Flock Health Club' which we have decided to open up to other sheep clients for a fee of £30.

There will be an afternoon meeting taking place in the **Ilminster Office at 2:30pm** and an evening meeting in **Sedgemoor Auction Centre at 6:30pm**. The same content will be covered in both meetings.

This workshop is designed to provide you with the skills to confidently examine lamb carcasses following death in the first few days of life and determine common causes of death to aid in prevention of further deaths and treatment decisions.

Please ring any of our offices to book your place today.



## Ringworm Control

The time to house cattle is fast approaching, and housed cattle have a much higher risk of contracting ringworm.

Ringworm is a fungal skin infection that causes circular lesions; if severe it can cause production losses and make selling cattle challenging. It is also transmissible to humans. It is spread by direct contact or contact on shared surfaces and can survive as long as 5 years in the environment without decontamination.

Whilst ringworm is self-limiting and self-curing if infection is not continually picked up, there is a vaccine available for certain strains that prevents initial infection and reduces clinical signs in outbreaks.

Ringvac is given as an injection into the muscle in the neck and must be boosted 10-14 days after as an initial course, and can be given once a year after. The dosage for calves 2 weeks to 4 months old is 2ml, and for cattle over 4 months is 4ml. If the vaccine is being given as treatment for calves that already have ringworm these doses must be doubled.



**A reminder that our North Petherton office is open on Saturdays from**

**09:00-12:30**



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