



Foot and Mouth Disease.

You will no doubt have seen that Foot and Mouth Disease has been confirmed in a beef fattener unit in Surrey. There is a 3km Protection Zone and a 10km Surveillance Zone in operation around the farm and Laboratory. The animals on the unit have been slaughtered and incinerated.

At the time of writing this, there is a **national movement ban of all susceptible livestock in place.**

The situation will be changing rapidly so please keep up to speed with progress via the news and the DEFRA website (www.defra.gov.uk).

Just to re-iterate what Debby Reynolds, the Chief Veterinary Officer, had to say:

1. Obey the movement ban.
2. Carefully check all stock for any signs of the disease and report anything suspicious. The DEFRA website has a good description of what to look out for with pictures etc.
3. Tighten biosecurity. Avoid unnecessary movement of vehicles/people etc on or off premises and use disinfection where this is unavoidable.

Herd Health Planning.....

As most of you are aware we are leading the central England Cattle Health Planning project. The purpose of this project is to increase the awareness of the benefits of herd health planning across the UK. We have recruited 25 dairy farms and 25 beef farms from here to Cheshire, on which we will be undertaking herd health planning projects to show the benefits of working together (Farm, vets and other advisors) to improve farm productivity and profitability.

In Norfolk we are working with 6 beef farms and 4 dairy farms. These are some examples of the projects being undertaken:

1. Investigating the benefits of introducing monthly fertility work on dairies where it has not been used routinely. The aim is to try and reduce calving to conception intervals in order to increase milk per cow per year.
2. Looking at the causes of lameness in a dairy herd by investing money in finding the causes and trying to introduce solutions.
3. On beef units, looking at the cost benefits of how money is spent on medicines versus housing/management on farm e.g. Is the spend on worming products each year necessary? Could an investment in a alteration to housing or the introduction of a vaccine regime be more cost effective than repeated pneumonia treatments?

We will provide more information on all the projects and the farms involved in subsequent newsletters. We are trying to build up, across the 4 regional projects, a picture with NADIS of cattle in the UK and the diseases present. Over the next year, we will be undertaking a data census across all our farms. The data will all be anonymous. If we come towards you with a clip board don't be afraid, we may just want to clarify a few facts and it is all at DEFRA's expense.



More show results etc...

We now have the results from the goat classes that Norfolk Farm Vets sponsored at the Norfolk Show. There was a great turn out and some good results for a number of clients.

Sally Wilman took a second and fourth in the female goat class of the Saanens and also entered the two female kids in this class. She also took home the best kid in the show, winning with Prastens Flora. **Di Parker** had a good show, especially taking second with her goatling in the British Alpine class. The **Chaffes** entered the only three females in the Toggenburg class and also took a second with their Anglo Nubian goatling. **Jayne Parsey** took 3rd and 4th positions in a large class of British Toggenbyrg females. **Lynn Jermy** had an excellent show with first and second placed Anglo Nubian females and a fourth in the any other variety female line up. She also won the Best Adult Goat Bred in Norfolk with Jemaly Locket. Lynn has also been spotted recently championing goat keeping with an interview on Radio Norfolk. We don't have the final results for the milking competition as yet but will let you know when they're in. It's great to see such good turn outs and long may it continue.



Apologies.....

We must apologise to **Ruby Wright**. Somehow we managed to leave her out of last month's show results, and after such a good show. She took the Champion Young Handler prize, which was obviously very well deserved. Anyway, we just hope we haven't insulted her so much that she pulls out of the run! (no, that's not an excuse Ruby!).

Norfolk Farm Vets Website.....

We are currently designing a website for the practice, this will allow those with computer facilities to get Newsletters electronically and reduce the paper mountain. We would like to put reciprocal links on our website, so please let us know if you would like a link on our site to your web page.

FOR SALE:

Aberdeen Angus young bull for sale

Contact:- Duncan Jeary 07880 508104

7 Boars Old spot x Saddleback from large organically fed stock contact Rudi Jennings 01945 585467

50 Swaledale ewe lambs contact Robert Giles on 07799 226401

WANTED:

Young Tanworth Boar for stud please contact Rudi Jennings on 01945 585467

Local stock sought by two different calf rearing & finishing units. Stock must come from local high health status animals

Bills

Just a reminder that if you are in a position to pay by BACS via internet banking we would be very grateful if you could do this.

This makes life easier and cheaper for everyone and keeps our book keeper happy!

Our bank details are:

Lloyds TSB, Holt.

Account No. 00838289.

Sort Code: 30-94-34.

If you are paying by cheque please remember to include the Ltd.



Local Produce:

As most of you are aware we are strongly behind the campaign to encourage people to buy locally and reduce food miles, hence we recommend that everyone buy locally either via the Fakenham Farmers Market on the 4th Saturday of the month or directly from the producers listed below:

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| Duncan Jeary | Beef | 07880 508104 |
| Trevor Stebbings | Beef | 01553 630603 |
| Mrs Temple | Cheese | 01328 820224 |
| Pointen Bros. | Dairy Produce | 01263 860338 |
| John Garner | Game, lamb, turkeys | 01328 700277 |
| Houghton Hall | Lamb, Mutton, Beef, Pork and Eggs | 07793 208655 |
| Sandringham Beef and Lamb | West Newton Shop | 01485 542219 |
| Courtyard Farms Ltd. | Beef, Lamb and Pork | 07789 366080 |
| Mr Day, Hindolveston | Beef, Lamb and Vegetables | Farmers Market. |
| Simon Dann | Norfolk Farmhouse Ice-cream | On Farm/Local Shops. |
| Gavin Lane | Salt Marsh Beef | sales@saltmarshbeef.co.uk |

If your name is missing just call the office and we will get your details added.

Newsletters

We hope that everyone enjoys our monthly newsletters and maybe even finds them informative.

We're always open to suggestions for their contents so should you have any ideas or burning topics you want highlighted or discussed, or just want to advertise something, just let us know and we'll see what we can do.

Runners Corner.



September 15th is getting ever closer!

Only seven weeks to go now until the off. Our official running vests and support team shirts are on order carrying the logo's of all those kind enough to sponsor the team. If you are not running or already signed up to help out and would like to be part of the support team, please give us a ring. Alternatively, we are raising money for the Farmers Benevolent Fund so all donations are greatly received. We do have some sponsorship forms for those runners who would like to raise some sponsorship this way. In addition we have official buckets and tins that will accompany us round the route and can also be found at the office and in the back of our trucks—please feel free to add to them if you would like. If any runners would like a tin we have plenty of spares.

Training is still going well with the Sunday meets being well attended, you should all have a list of the planned locations and times. As we are getting so close to the real thing, we really do need as accurate an estimate as possible as to how long you think your stage is likely to take so we can let the organisers know and they can calculate just how early on the Saturday morning we have to start. Please be realistic as the marshals will be less than amused if they're late for work on the Monday morning!!

Keep on running and hopefully see you all on a Sunday morning soon.

Aches or Pains??

Our running trainer is also a qualified physiotherapist so anyone with any niggles, runner or not, please give Jim a call on 077791 734570.