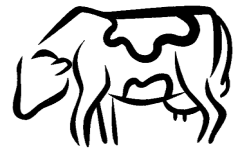


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NORFOLK FARM VETS

Round Norfolk Relay



Well we made it again! 193 miles around the outskirts of Norfolk was pounded by the team from Norfolk Farm Vet Knackers in the Round Norfolk Relay and there were some very impressive performances which lead to a 2nd place in our category. Of particular note was that from John Phelps, Grove Farm, Langham who was 9th fastest on his stage, 6th fastest over 40 (old fogey) and 6 mins faster than last year. That is 7.41 mins/mile over the shingle at Weybourne, up to Sheringham and over Beeston Bump! Enormous thanks, as ever, go out to the runners, support cycle team, organisers, drivers and time keepers. We must mention Ross Hadow, Stody Estate, who in addition to driving a support vehicle through the night performed comedy cycling for 19 miles whilst accompanying Andy Marsh, Abbey Farm on the long 19 mile road leg in the middle of the night from Geldeston to Scole! Further information and photos can be found at www.roundnorfolkrelay.com and we were team 54.



David & Catherine



Gav



Bushy & Roger



John

Look who's back on the team!

Rach is back on the team. Unable to stay away after returning from her round the world trip, Rach is back as our personal assistant/technician/fixer! She will be organising the new EEDA NADIS training events, entertaining and organising us on large TB tests and generally keeping the mounds of paperwork that we deal with under control...

Congratulations

It's been a busy month for celebrations. We would like to wish very many congratulations to Andrew and Danielle Barrett on the birth of a bonny baby boy Logan, and to Peter and Joanna King on the birth of baby Henry. Also congratulations to Stephen and Catherine Temple on recently winning the RABDF Energy Efficiency Award and the EDP Norfolk Food Awards Outstanding Achievement Award and to Simon Dann on winning the EDP Food Award Norfolk's Best Retail Product.

What's New...

Zactran is a new pneumonia treatment. It is similar in active ingredients to Micotil in that it is a macrolide, however, it can be given by the farmer instead of solely by a vet. It is given at 1ml per 25kg under the skin, so has advantages over some products where large doses are required for fattening beasts.

However, it has a long meat withhold times, 64 days, so you need to think about this. It has been trialled heavily in Scotland and is proving popular. It does not contain an anti-inflammatory so in sick animals you should also give a dose of anti-inflammatory (Finadyne, Metacam, Ketofen etc.)

Closamectin Pour-On is what we have all been waiting for a *pour-on for treatment of fluke, lung-worms, gut worms and lice*, however please be aware that a) it does not treat early immature fluke (less than 7 weeks) so treatment will need to be delayed until some time after housing or done at housing and repeated and b) it must be applied to *clean dry cattle from withers to tail head.*

For Sale:

Limousin Bull—Unregistered but pedigree.

Contact Scott McInnes on: 07876 047746.

Simmental Bull—Born 2004. Offspring can be seen.

Contact John Smith at Chalk Hill Farm on: 07884490368

Kerry Hill Shearling Ewes. Also selected rams and ewe lambs. Contact Glenariff Pedigree Livestock, call Nick or Andrew on 01553 672440

EB Feed Hopper—13 tonne, fibreglass with low level discharge. Perfect condition.

EB feeder system also available.

Contact James Ashworth on: 07715 464832.

11 Texel X Mule Ewe Lambs

Contact Philip on: 01366 385982 or 07788 131508.

People/Equipment:

Mobile Sheep Handling—Pratley mobile sheep handling system. For hire with operator.

Call Mr. Fletcher on: 07977040358.

Molecatcher—for hire. Tracey Palmer: 01485 600717.

Game Birds

Aurofac 200 has lost its GMP licence and therefore is no longer available as an in feed medication for game birds. Aureomycin soluble is also in the same position however presently there are still stocks available and there are alternative soluble antibiotics for birds licensed and available.



Pregnancy Scanning

So, you tested the bulls in the spring before they went out, you've seen them working, and now it's time to think about housing. It's the perfect time to link two jobs together and PD the cows before winter. Just give us a shout to organise a convenient time, and remember the ideal time is about 5-6 weeks after the bull is removed.

Ram Fertility

It's that time of year again where everyone starts thinking about kicking their rams into action. Please remember that the ram makes up at least half the flock, and requires attention before he is in top breeding form.

We strongly recommend that this preparation involves a fertility examination. This is a simple procedure that involves a thorough examination to detect any physical problems that could affect fertility, followed by collection and examination of a semen sample. The results are available on the day of examination and offers piece of mind that the rams you select are fit for purpose.

So, how much does it cost?

The cost is on a per animal basis, and costs from £33 to £53 +VAT per animal based on the number tested.

The real question is how much could it cost if I don't test:

You have 40 ewes with a ram and he only manages to get 20 in lamb. First you have a potential loss of 36 lambs (based on a lambing percentage of 1.8), which, at the height of this season were paying £4.40 per kg dw (FW) - so that is a loss of 36 x 20kg dw x £4.40 per kg = £3168.

In addition you have 20 barren ewes that you have fed all winter. Therefore, testing is always cost effective so give us a ring to get your test booked.

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:

Duncan Jeary	Beef	07880 508104
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	Organic Beef, Lamb and Pork	01485 525251 or courtyardfarm.organic@virgin.net
Perfick Pork	Pork, Lamb, Chicken & Beef	01328 829317
Mr Day	Pork, Lamb, Veg, Knitting wool	Hindolveston. 01263 860578
Simon Dann	Norfolk Farmhouse Ice-cream	On Farm/Local Shops.
Gavin Lane	Salt Marsh Beef	sales@saltmarshbeef.co.uk
Van Beuningen	Ash Farm Organics	01362 683228 www.ashfarmorganics.co.uk
Mrs. Willcox	Mohair Socks, Preserves, Eggs	Erpingham House Farm
Linda Cletheroe	Seasonal Fresh Vegetable	01263 587466 / 07780930903 Lindafreshveg.vpweb.co.uk
Moore's Livestock, Oak Farm	Beef, Pork, Free Range Eggs	Farmers Market
Rudi Jennings	Free range goat meat	01553 630772/07900 491679 01945 585467

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

Local Produce