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DAMORY VETERINARY CLINIC

Sheep Newsletter

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BLUETONGUE VACCINE - NEWS ON PRICING

As you may have read in the farming press, Defra is selling vaccine stocks at discounted prices. This has led to a vaccine price war and has upset many of you (and us) who were organised and vaccinated early in the season. We understand we will get a rebate on some of our vaccine ordered since the end of April and we will pass this on to those of you to whom it is applicable. Once again, we would like to congratulate you all on the vaccine uptake. We have achieved close to 100% again this year, a level which is vital in keeping the disease under control.

FLOCKCHECK 2009

Enzootic abortion and **Toxoplasmosis** are two of the most common infectious causes of abortion and barrenness in sheep. As they have done in previous years, Intervet/Schering-Plough is running '**Flockcheck**', a complimentary diagnostic service which will establish whether **Enzootic abortion** and **Toxoplasmosis** are present on your farm. The scheme is only applicable to unvaccinated flocks, and involves screening 6-8 ewes that aborted or were barren this year. The testing is subsidised so that the price involves only the cost

WORMS AND COCCIDIA

Time again to send in dung samples for worm and coccidia count. This can establish whether any treatment is necessary and which treatment is most suitable. All too often we have wormed lambs who are actually infected with cocci to no effect and vice versa. Please feel free to discuss your worm control programme with us to avoid losses as well as wormer resistance.

An EBLEX leaflet on available classes of wormers is enclosed.

